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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. Gordon & Gotch, 121, Holborn Hill, R.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., tion: Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK:-Andrew Wind, 188, Nossau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

ZEALAND :-GORDON & GOTOH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :-- BEAN & BLACK, San Fran-

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Banks.

COMPTOIR- D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPOBATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF 7re and 8th march, 1848,

BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31st DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognised by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 RESERVE FUND 20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE. -14, Rue Bergère, Paris. London Agency.-144, Leadenhall St.,

AGENCIES. - At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (ile de la Réunion,) Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. LONDON BANKERS. - Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be accertained at the offices.

OHR. DE GUIGNÉ. Manager. Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,

Queen's Road. Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,...5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman-Ad. Ander, Esq. Deputy Chairman-E. R. Belilios, Esq. S.W. POMEROY, Esq. F. CORDES, Esq. F. D. Sassoon, Esq. Hoppius, Esq. McIver, Esq.

OHIEF MANAGER. JAMES GREIG, Esq. Hongkong,

Manager. EWEN CAMERON, Esq. Shanghal LONDON BANKERS. - London and County Bank.

> HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWSD.

N Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily

On Fixed Deposits :--For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. 21 5 per cent, 11 12

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, Ohina and Japan, JAMES GREIG,

Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation,

No, 1, Queen's Road Bast. Hongkong, January 27, 1876.

NOW BEADY.

INDIG. SHULL OF THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. J. J. EITEL. One Volume. Bvo. Price,

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. BIXEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 870. Price, \$1.50. Orders will be received by Messys Lane

Drawford & Co. Honghoug, July \$1, 1678)

Notices of Firms

NOTICE. Have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procura-

A. MAOG. HEATON. Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE. TR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from Ist January, 1876.

E. MEYER & Co. Tientain, January 1876.

NOTICE.

TR. CARL KRESS has been duly autho-IVI rized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date. MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876. NOTICE.

TYTE have Established branches of our Firm at Halphong and Hanoi. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorised to sign by

produration in Tonquin. LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE. TAVING resigned my aituation in the YUEN FAT HONG, I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of Sux GHES

O. SUN GHEE. Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between Joseph Thorne and John ANDREW MAITLAND, under the style of Thorne Brothers & Co., is this day dissolv ed by effluxion of time; either partner authorised to sign the firm in liquidation. THORNE BROTHERS & Co. Dec. 31, 1875.

ITH reference to the above. Business of the late Firm of Thorne Brothers & Co. will be conducted in future by the Undersigned, under the style MAITLAND & Co., and Mr John GRARME PURDON is authorised to sign the firm.

J. A. MAITLAND. Shanghai, Jan. 1, 1876.

NOTICE. NOurrent Deposit Account at the rate DEFERRING to the foregoing advertiseof 2 per cent. per annum on the ____ ment, our Firm at Shanghai is temporarily closed from this date : its outstanding business will be attended to by Mr. JOHN G. PURDON, to whom all communications should be addressed.

Our Firm and business at Hongkong Foochow, and Canton, will be carried or as heretofore, the interest and responsibility of Mr. John G. Purdon remaining thereis unchanged. PURDON & Co.

China, Jan. 1, 1876.

intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend of \$2.50 per share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held To-day, will be payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai BANKING CORPORATION on and after the 10th proximo. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Secretary's Office for War-

By order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD. Secretary.:

Hongkong, January 26, 1876. THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 89, Queen's Road. Victoria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 18th February Next. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors, for the Year ending Blat December, 1875. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th February, both days inclusive,

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

transfer of Shares will be made. ADOLF ANDRE. T. D. SASSOON.

Hongkong, January 10, 1876. HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Post of Secretary being about to become vacant, Applications for the same addressed to the Chairman will be received up to the 25th Instant, Salary 1,500 per annum. Hongkong, January 18, 1878,

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to Sist DECEMBER 1875, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Hongkong, January 17, 1876. THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE.

Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be OLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th February Next, both days in-

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED. Hongkong, January 17, 1876.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 4% or 88 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after THURSDAY, the 27th Instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants. By Order of the Board of Directors.

Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

P. A. DA COSTA,

NOTIOE.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Chamber will be held on THURS. DAY, February 3rd, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Rooms of the Chamber, City Hall, to receive the Report of the Committee and statement of the Secretary's accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1875.

By Order, A. NOEL BLAKEMAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1876. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS. Essen (Germany.)

Sole Agent for China, F. PEIL, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOGNE (Germany.)

WANTED.

SITUATION, by a young German, a Servant Maid, to accompany a Lady or family en route to Europe. Terms : Free Passage Home. Address: "Home-passage," care of the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876. IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUC-TION OF THE PRICE OF THE "SHANGHAI COURIER AND

CHINA GAZETTE. IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA

and as a large INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTIOIPATED, THE

ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTIBERS is obvious.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE. THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company Will be OLOSED on the First Feb. I suit purchasers. Large, Handpicked, ruary next, after which date no further Double-screened at \$8 per Tone Small, at \$8 per Ton.

T. G. GLOVER. No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point: Hongkong, December 8, 1875. DE MONTEBELLO CARTE

IJ BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, \$15 per case (1-dozen.) Pints, \$16 ,, (2 ,,) 5 per cent. discount on 25 cases. Bourbon WHISKEY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen.) FOR BALLET HEARD & Co. Houghous, June 98, 1976;

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

AYLE & Co. will offer, on

Winter Costumes and Polonaises. Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas. Fancy Dress materials of all kinds. Wool Plaids and Flannels.

Wool Shawls and Cloaks. Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats

Fancy Wool Goods. Lace and Linen Sets. Scarves and Sashes.

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

RAHTJEN'S PATENT For Ships' Bottoms. Sole Agents for China. F. BLACKHEAD & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE CHINESE READERS MANUAL

HANDBOOK of Biographical, His. A torical, Mythological and General Literary Reference,

Pricet \$8.

.....KELT & Co. Hongkong CHIMA MAIL" OFFICE. Auctions.

TESSES LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell

by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY. the 9th February, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m.,

The Materials of the Buildings situated at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch

The purchasers will be required to clear and remove from the ground the rubbish on each lot.

The lots may now be viewed, and full particulars obtained, on application at the Control Reserve Stores, Queen's Road, East, between the hours of 10 a.m. and

in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. C. R. SHERVINTON, Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Controller.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1876.

N. B.—For the convenience of intending purchasers, a Steam Launch wi leave Peddar's Wharf, on the morning of the Bale, at 10 o'clock, for

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & Co. Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

FOR SHANGHAL The British Steamship quick despatch sa aboys.
For Freight or Passage, apply 18
WM. PUSTAU & Cb.,

Hongkong, January 34, 1974

shipping.

Steamers.

and after TUESDAY Next, will be despatched on or the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced

Prices, consisting of: Silks and Poplins.

and Bonnets.

Boys' Suits.

Children's Dresses.

œ0.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

FOR SALE. MOMPOSITION PAINT,

WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYERS.



at Stanley Barracks,-

on the Military Cantonment, as they now stand, with the exception of the foundations and retaining walls.

TERMS OF SALE,-Cash before delivery

Control Office,

Shipping. Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOODHOW. The Steamship Captain Puntinanti, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY Next, the 30th Instant, at Daylight.

Toy, Master, shortly expected from Bingapore, will have

"UCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA BUEZ CANAL The Company's Steamship

about the 8th February, For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, January 24, 1876. STEAM TO YOKOHAMA The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.

will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the Golconda with the next English Mail. A. MOIVER. Superintendent

STRAM TO SHANGHAI.

Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI & HIOGO.) The P. & O. S. N. Co. 's S. S will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arri-

val with the next English Mail. A. MoIVER. Superintendent Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

NOTICE,

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship Captain Pasqualini, will be despatched for YOKOHAM

shortly after the arrival of next French C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

"DJBMNAH," Captain FLAMBEAU, will despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe. C. BERTRAND,

The Company's Steamship

Principal Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

Sailing Vessels. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark The All American Bark "CRUSADER,"
FRED. GORHAM, Master, will load here and at Whampoa

and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 21, 1876.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "CRAIGIE LEA." of 605 Tons Register, Captain T. LANDY, will load here and

For Freight, apply to VOGEL HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1876. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

Calling at Adelaide if sufficient inducement offers.) The A 1 British Bark "NOVELTY." Limmen, Master, will load here have quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, January 7, 1876. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Bark "ARDENTINNY." Brown, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick dispatch as above.

RUSSELL & Co.

For Freight, apply to Hongkong, December 27, 1875. FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

The British Ship

Tons Register

"CAROLUS MAGNUS,"

Apply to WIELER & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

Notices to Consignees.

TH. MILES, Master, of 1,478

FROM CALOUTTA AND SINGAPORE. FIGHE S. S. Penguin having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. No life limitance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHEBON & Co.

Hougkong, January 24,-1876,

Notices to Consignees.

B. S. CHEOPS,

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE. THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, by Mr A. MoG. HEATON, into the Godowns of Mesars Gilman & Co., whence delivery

may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their: Goods on the Wharf, are at liberty to Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

fe8 unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-day. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 31st Instant will be aubject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees of Cargo from London are also informed, that, before delivery can be obtained, they will be required to sign the Average Bond lying at the Office of Undersigned and give Approved Guarantee for Contribution to General Average. Bills of Lading will be countersigned

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Hongkong, January 24, 1876. FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE

THE S. S. Benledi having arrived from L the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

lat Instant will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, January 25, 1876.

S. S. GENOA,"

Cargo remaining undelivered after the

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE above Steamer having arrived, Conaignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, by Messrs Nonrox & Co., into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf

or boats, delivery may be obtained.

Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

BRITISH BARK COLDSTREAM, FROM LONDON. MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, January 13, 1876.

signees' risk and expense.

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BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM LONDON. MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-

Hongkong, December 30, 1875. MONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barque IRIS, WENDE, Master. from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongaide.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be

landed and stored at Consignees risk and

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WR. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

MARITIMES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MUNSIGNEES of the following Careo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

O. BERTRAND. Principal Agenti Br Donnai, July 1, 1874. FD 1/35 . . . 85 cases Beet Ex Iranuaddy, November 22, 1878. No. 6 . . . 1 Care Merchandis. Ex Anadyr, January 16, 1876,

HM 100 bales Cotton. Hongkong, January 21, 1876



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London:

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship ONYLON, Captain ORMAN, with Her Majerty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Carpa, will leave this for the above places on THURSDAY, the 3rd February, a

MARGO will be received on board uni Noon a SPECIE and PARCELS at the Office until 2 P.M. on the 2nd Idem. Bor particulars, regarding Freight and Passe, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A scritten declaration of the Contents and Kains of the Packages for the Overland Route to required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Commany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention of **ere**judice which may happen from incorrect 1444 on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note be terms and conditions of the Company's bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Black Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their Swn Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

MoIVER, Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, January 20, 1876

Occidental & Oriental Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

union pacific and connecting RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 3rd February 1876, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers *for Japan, the United States and Europe Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full ; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent, on regular rates: For further information as to Freight

or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West. G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1876. fe8

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOROHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE S. S. "GREAT REPUBLIC" will leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 15th February, 1876, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States,

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS. A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close

connection at Yokohama. At New York, Passengers have selection France and Germany.

same day; all Parcel Packages should be to Reserve Fund. marked to address in full ; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West. G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1876.

TRANSLATION. COUMENTS Translated from Exerise Into Chinase and German. Or from Gresian, Chinese,

French, Spanish, ITALIAN OF PORTUGUESE. nic English, by competent hands.

Special attention paid to PROTESTS, EXTENDED PROTESTS, and other Documents containing Nattical, Engineering, or other Trounical Terms.

Terms for European languages,-Pair copy, per legal folio, ... \$1.00 Extra copies, Special agreements made for Chinese translations or lengthy documents in other

Addres "TRANSLATION." Orre of China Mail Office. Supplicas, January 1, 1874.

lusurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE -COMPANY.

INHE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at ourrent local rates, adbject to Discount of 20% on the Premis

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TEZE INSURANCE ASSUCIA-

TION OF SHANGHALL

CAPITAL AND STRPLUS, 800,000 TABLE

COLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15 2 to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders, annually, in cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium ontributed.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

LANCASHIRK INSUKANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.) CAPITAL -Two MILLIONS STRELING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to area; Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on loals in Matsheds, on Goods on board Versels and on Hulls of Yessels in Har-Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-

and transmitted to the Directors If required, protection will be granted on first diass Lives up to £1000 on a Single

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

> -NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEEL JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at longkong, Oanton, Foothow, Shanghal 4. p.m. of 2nd proximo. Parcel Packages and Hankow, and are propared to grans In urances at current rates.

> HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongxong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:-

Marine Department, Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed,

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

INSURANCE COMPANY HINESE (LIMITED.)

NOTIOE.

TOLICIES granted at current rates or Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of various lines of Steamers to England, of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors Freight will be received on board until whether Shareholders or not, in proportion 4. b.m. 14th Instant. Parcel Packages to the nett amount of Pressia contributed will be received at the office until 5 p.m. by each, the remaining third being carried

OLYPHANT & Co. General Agents. Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-

TION OF SHANGHAL NOTION.

FTER this date, the above Association will allow a Brokerage of Thirty. three and One Third per cent. (354%) on Local Risks only."

RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, June 8, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Philipses to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining tisks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed. HOLLIDAY, WILL & Co. Hungkopy, January 8, 1875.

insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSUR-ANCE, COMPANY, ADELAIDE

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company in Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance, payable in Australia, London, Calcutta, Bombay Manritius, Chipa, and Japan at ourrent raise.

ADAMSON, BELLIACO. Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

VIOTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED. IN LIQUIDATION,

LL Persons holding Warrants against undalmed Dividends, Interest, or Bonus, are requested to present same for payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise their claims will not be recognised. ADOLF ANDRE

F. D. SASSOON, Liquidators. Hongkong, December 20, 1875.

> THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL inburance co.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent, in Hongkong, for the above named Company, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at th usual rates, aubject to an immediate discount of 20 Y

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premia for Life Insurance in Life Policies effected during the year

1875, share in the Bonus to be declared on 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending. A. MAGG. HEATON.

Hongkong, September 27, 1875. NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

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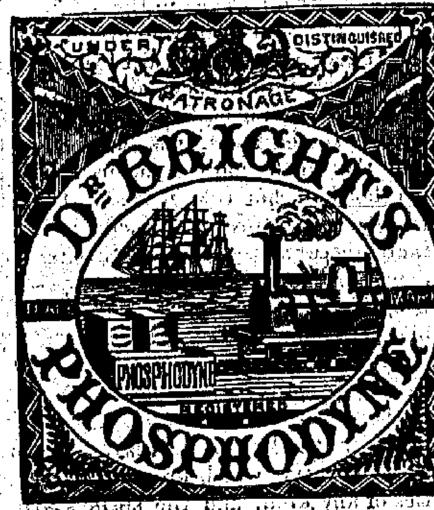
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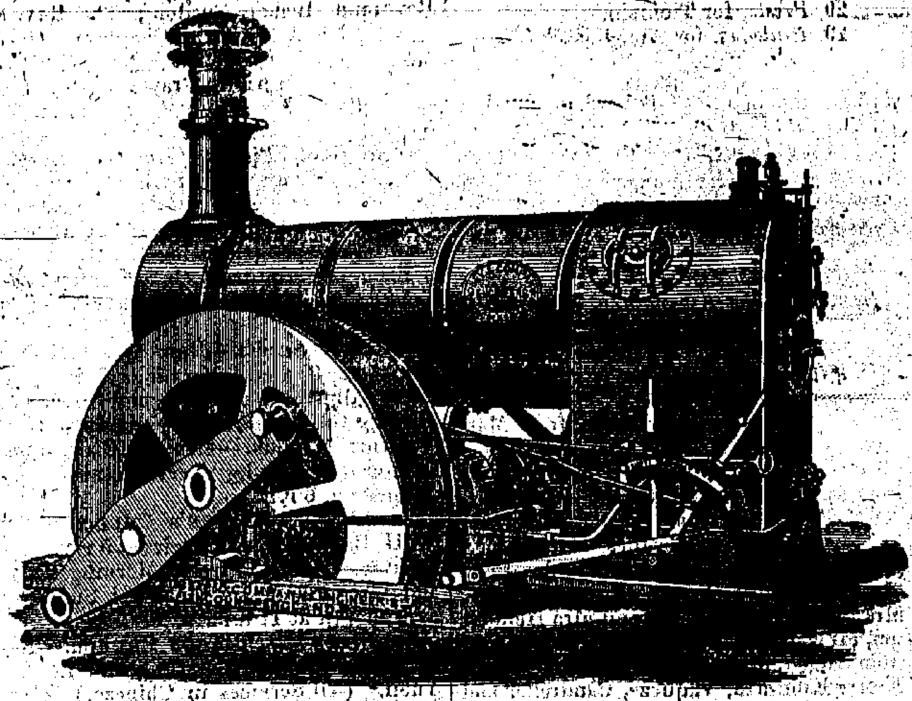
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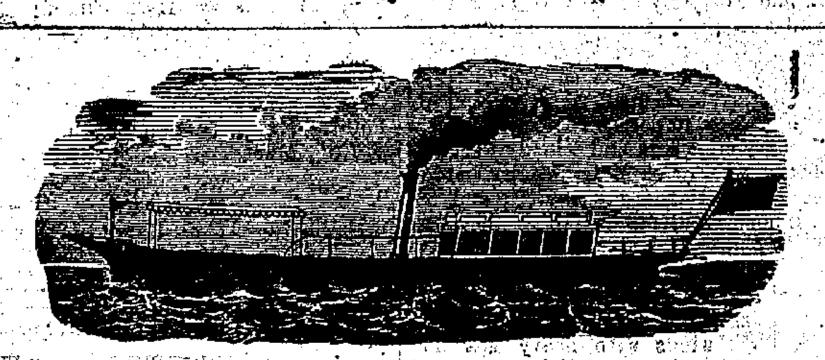
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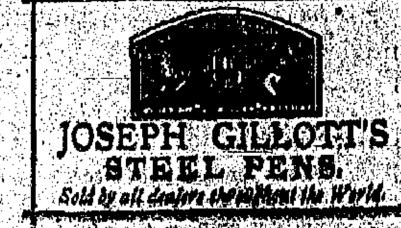
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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "MENZALEH," Captain Pasqualini, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on MONDAY, the Slat Inst., at 10 s.m.

Principal Agent. Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

C. BERTRAND,

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Instant, at 10 a.m. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consigness, before 11 a.m. To-morrow, requesting it to be landed here.

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he subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. O. BERTRAND. Principal Agent.

Hongkong, January 29, 1876. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

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ARRIVALS. Jan. 28, Lycembon, British steamer. 611. Stevens, Saigon Jan. 23, Rice. - LARDSTEIN Jan. 28. Norden, Danish steamer, 778 Jensen, Bangkok Jan. 18, Rips and Gene ral. JARDINE, MATHEBON & Co. Jan. 29 Kwangrung, British steumer,

491, Pitman, Footbow Jan. 26, Amoy 27, Swatow 28, General .- D. Larbaik & Co. Jan. 29, Meneldus, Brit. steamer, 1869. Orompton, Liverpool Dec. 7, Port Said 21; Suen 22, Penang Jan 16, Singapore 20 General .- Butterrieto & Swiffs. Jan. 25. Lord Man Duff. B leish batque,

527. A. McDonald, Newcastle IN S. W. Dec. 19. U. M. -- Bontino Company. Jan. 29, Meifindh, Fronth o'camer, 2416; Painat, Feb. 181-Flambeau, Distreeilles Dec. 19, Port Said 29. Aden Tan. 2, Galle 12, Singspore 20, Saigon 24. Mails and General. Misse: OBRIES MARITIMES

Jan. 29, Cangari, British bardile, 840 Manaou, Oatdiff Sept. 18, Coal,-Borned INO CONFANT

DEPARTURES. Jan. 29, Fuyew, for Canton.

29, Pernambuco, for Baigon. 29, Fano, for Tientsin. 29, Presto, for Tientain. 29, Hailoong, for 4moy &c.

CLEARED. Iris. for Singapore. Lunalilo, for Kelung, Yesso, for Swatow &c. August Fredrick, for Whampon. Tartar, for Tientsin. Lyce-moon, for Salgon.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.—Per Kwangiung, Mr and Mrs Quelch, Mesars Gultzow, Yuill and Grant, European deck and 6 Chinese. Per Norden, 15 Chinese.

Per Lycemoon, 2 Chinese. Per Djemnah, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Mr and Mrs Warren, Measrs Ortuno (Spanish Consul), Hensson and Smith; from Australia, Messrs R. Sage, R. Macley, and 7 Japanese; from Saigon, 1 Chinese. For Shanghai: from M'seilles, Mr Godeaux (French Consul-General), Mr de Pratt (Spanish Minister) and wife, Mrs Tapp, Mrs Little and child. Mr and Mrs Henderson, Mr Garrett, and 8 French Missionaries; from Saigon, 5 Europeans. For Yokohama, Mesars Kreitman, Vaqueze, Candrelier and Ailian, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jouet and family.

DEPARTED .- Per Hailoong, for Takao, Mr R. H. Boyce.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The Danish steamer Norden reports: monsoon, latter had strong Northerly gales with cross sea. The British steamer Menelaus reports:

to Port Said had light Easterly winds and hazy weather, thence to Penang strong winds and fine. From Singapore to Hongkong strong Northerly winds and sqaully. The British barque Lord Mas Duff reports: light winds and five weather throughout nearly the whole passage until reaching the China Sea, when experienced strong in Portuguese; at 5, Benediction.

N.E. and Northerly winds with cross seas.

Passed a barque bound East yesterday. The British steamer Lyesmoon reports: left Saigon at noon on the 28rd. Had moderate weather until abreast of Cape Varela, thence to port strong N.E. winds with heavy cross sess and cloudy weather. at 7.80, Mass. The ward French Mail steamer hauled arongside wharf the day we left, and we passed homeward bound Mail on the 27th

at 11,15 p.m. The British steamer Kwangtung reports first and latter parts of passage moderate monsoon and fine weather, middle part atrong N.E. winds with heavy sea and cloudy weather. Passed str. Howsang bound in, off Sharp Peak: S.S. Ulysacs bound N. off Turnsbout, and a steamer bound North off Reef Islands on 28th. In Foothow Germ, gunboat Cyclop. In Amoy: H.M.S. Frolio, Germ. frigate Ariadne and ateamers Leonor and Formosa. In Swatow: Chinese

cruiser Chento and str. Ningpo. The British barque Canaan reports: had fine weather to the Equator, then to the Caps fresh S.E. trades and strong winds running down Easting. Made Sandalwood Island 22nd Dec. and then had very light winds through the Eastern Passages, had no N.E. monsoon, wind principally from E to S.E. until making Balantang Channel when had strong gales from the Northward with heavy cross seas. Spoke the Christine (German barque) from Cardiff to Hongkong on the Gilolo Passage and the British ship Western Chief from London to Yokohama in 8° N. and 138° E. Had one death on board on the 17th ult. from asthma; deceased was cook of the vessel.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS MAILS WILL CLOSE:--

For SAIGON .--Per LYEEMOON, at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, the Sist Instant, instead of as previously notified. For YOKOHAMA.--

Per French Mail Packet MENZALEH. at 9.80 a.m. on Monday, 31st Inst. For BHANGHAL. Per MENELAUS, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, the 31st Inst.

General Memoranda. TUESDAY, Feb. 1!-

The Transfer Books of the Victoria Fire-Insurance Company of Hongkong Limited, in Liquidation, will be closed from this date.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3:-

Noon.-English Mall leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. 8 p.m. -- Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Gaslie leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

8 p.m. -Annual Meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at City Hall. Transfer Books of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, closed from this date to 17th February, in-

clttded. FRIDAY, Feb. 4:-Noon. -General Weekly Bale by Measrs-

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1029 TUBSDAY, Feb. 8:--Priam leaves for London on or about this date.

> WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9:--3 .m. Sale of Building Materials on Military Cantonment, at Stanley Bar-

rabks. THURSDAY, Feb. 10:-

Dividend of \$2.50 per thate of the Hong. kong Hotel Oo, Limited, payable at the H. R. & S. Banking Corporation. TURNDAY, Peb. 18!-

hama and San Francisto. Thursday, Feb. 17:-8 p.m. _Seventh Ordinary Annital Most and of Shareholders of The Hongkond Fire Institute Company, Limited.

B p.m. American Mail leaves for Yoko-

8 p.tn. Meeting of Shareholders of he China Fire Insurance Co., Limited

Monbat, Feb. 28:--Claims against the Estate of George Barty Falconer, decemed, must be went in on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. RELIGIOUS SERVICES :--

Sr. John's Clithedral .- The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon : The Rev. R. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain. On the First and Third Sundays in each Month:-At 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion. the Second and Fourth Sundays in each Month (and Fifth, if any) :- Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. On Sundays:-At 4 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon. On Wednesdays: at 5 p.m. Evening Prayer (shortened form), and exposition of Scripture. On all Holy Days: -At 8 a.m., celebration of the Holy Com-

Military Service. - Rev. W. H. Baynes M.A.-At 8 a.m., Morning Prayer and Litany alternately, Sermon and Celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday. Union Church.-Minister, Rev. James Lamont. Morning Service, at 11 A.M.

Afternoon, 6 P.M. ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH .- Rev. W. H. Baynes, M.A. Service at 5 P.M. every Sunday. All seats free. Morning Prayer and Communion on the First Sunday in each month at 11 a.m. ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION CHURCH .- Rev.

A. B. Hutchinson, and Reverend Lo San Yuen. (All Services in Chinese.) Morn ing Prayer: - Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon, at 10 A.M. Bible Class, at 8 e.m. Preaching, at 6.30 P.M. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month. BERLIN FOUNDLING HOUSE.—Service is the German language, by Pastor E. Klitzke, first part of passage had ordinary N.E. every Sunday, at half-past ten A.M., in the Chapel of the |erlin Foundling House,

> ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, - Wellington Street. Very Reverend G. Burghignoli. In the morning, at 6 o'clock, 1st Mass; at 7, 2nd Mass; at 8, High Mass, with Sermon in Portuguese; at 10, Mili tary Service, Mass and Sermon in English In the afternoon, at 4. Catechism in Portu guese, English and Chinese; at 4.80, Sermon

St. Francis Xavier's Chapel. Spring Gardens.—In the morning, at 7, Mass with Sermon in Chinese. In the evening, a Benediction. ROMAN CATHOLIC REFORMATORY, West Point. Rev. B. Vigano. In the morning

Shipping. Daylight - Yesso leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY. Shipping.

10 a.m. - Mensaleh leaves for Yokohama. 10 s.m.—Delivery of Goods per D_i emnah may be obtained from M. M. Co.'s Godowns.

Noon.—Menelaus leaves for Shanghai. Goods per Cheops undelivered after this date aubject to rent. Goods per Benledi undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

Miscellaneous. Claims against the Estates of Seth Aviet Seth, Johannes Christian Bobsein Von Tree, Henry Stroud, Ahyoong Daniel deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

It is requested that all advertisements b sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 7.20 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, BATURDAY, JAN. 29, 1876

which are worth passing notice. Its work to the police clerks and really does situation on the coast of Borneo of course | very little good. The Light regulations makes the feeling' entertained by the also are often treated as a dead letter. native chiefs a matter of importance, A strict enforcement of these, with a and it is satisfactory to learn that the personal pass system from master to Sultan of Brillier, now in his 90th year servant, would, in our opinion, by more and nevertheless prondunced to be "the effective to the end proposed than the best man of business in the country, is regulations now in force. a fast friend of the English and especially to Labuan. "We own him," says the paper above mentioned, "very many aute | A REFERENCE to some back lies of the of kindness which have been of great Covernment Gazette has directed our value to the settlement." Commenting attention to a practice of recording the on the unjust aspersions cast by a morn- debates in the Legislative Council which ing dontemporary on the late Rajah possesses undoubted disadvantages. Brooke, it remarks that for many years order to verify by the official record no piratical fleet has been seen in these the opinions, alleged to have been exseas, and on the whole coast, from Tail pressed by one of the members, we jong Datu to Sandakan Bay on the East turned up the minutes duly read and coast, a distance of 700 miles, the small. passed at the subsequent meeting. And est trading boats thake their voyages here under the head sought-we gleaned and lodging. without fear, where, before the advent the valuable information that "Debute of Sir James Brooks on the education of the property of the Press of t

ties of any kind, and the springs are in the Government. many instances favourably situated for transport and shipment. And it adds that it is to be regretted that Labuan does not possess the means of exploring these and other valuable mineral re-

THE designs of Russia are so convenient a matter of comment for destitute journalism, when nothing else offers for comment, that it is not surprising to find them somewhat frequently dealt with. London Times however does not labour under a suspicion of paucity of subjects upon which to dilate, and, when it writes about Russia, does so with a purpose It might however exercise a little common sense when it undertakes to dea with the geographical aspect of Russian advances. Thus, in a recent issue, read that Kashgar is the last obstacle in Eastern Asia to Russian progress China wards. "After this fall Russia wil touch the frontiers of China," writer of this sentence has entirely ove looked two things-firstly, that the Russian boundary of Southern Siberia conterminous with the Northern boundary of Chinese territory; and that Russia has actually advanced in a Southerly direction some 1,500 miles nearer than Kashgar is to China. Kashgar is the road to India, no doubt, and it quite a matter of discussion whether occupation by Russia bodes any particular good to the maintenance of our empire in that country. But India one place and China another. Russia always has the power of putting pressure on China from her Manchusian some day. But as regards central Asia she desires at present only a feasible trade route to Western China, and this she has already secured. We certainly think that Russia may yet prove an inconvenient neighbour to China, but there is nothing to justify alarm in that respect in her movements regarding Kashgar.

WE must confess to an opinion that the present working of the Night-pass system strongly resembles the proverbial use of a carpet-bag padlock. It is a most efficient guard upon the honest portion of terfering at all with those who set the law at defiance. We can at all events instance many cases in which housecoolies and other domestic servants who have no passes from their masters manage to perambulate the streets late at night without let or hindrance, while on the other hand messengers suddenly despatched for doctors or for some other pressing purpose have been stopped and in some cases arrested for not being previded with the necessary document. Could not some modification of the systrouble to the police, less trouble masters and impose less disagreeable restrictions on the respectable Chinese. Suppose, for instance, that each householder were furnished with a sufficiency of blank forms for his servants which he might fill in for each man in his employ. in his employment this pass would be sufficient, and its return at the expiration of service might be provided for by authorizing the holding back of any arrears of wages or the infliction of a heavy it. As to the assertion that this would remove a check on the unlicensed ab- his way to North China. sence of servants, we can only say that the present system has a scargely appreciable effect in that direction. A yet more effective system for domestic serfor the night of its date only. A form with the following result :-might be printed at a nominal fate and sold to any one, and though of course forgeries of dates and signatures might occur they would be attempted only by THE Straits Times gives some very in- the class who in any case evade the law. teresting details of the position of Labuan | The present system gives a good deal of

was impossible for a trading voyage to urge that the Clerk of Council should be made even in a well-armed prahu ex- be required to exercise the function cept at the greatest risk. Although tions of a shorthand reporter, but it such censures as those referred to will certainly does not seem unreasonable make little difference to the memory of that the substance of what any memene of the ablest men who ever ruled in ber says should be recorded. He the Indian archipelage, after the search- has now a days at all events the reing enquiry into his acts, and the cordial ports in the local journals and the perrecognition vouchsafed them by the sonal correction of the speaker to fall British Government, it is satisfactory to back upon, and the trouble involved in find that in the more immediate neigh- making a precis of the remarks uttered bourhood of his rule, it is still held in is by no means great. It will be disaprespect. The Straits Times deplores the pointing, for instance, to those who may indifference manifested by Straits reside here in 1896 to find only that dents to the mineral resources of Bor- "debate ensued" on the subject of the neo, especially as regards its coal fields Taytam Waterworks. It is all very well and petroleum wealth. It asserts that to say, refer to the newspapers of the the Sultan of Brunei would be very glad period. They would not at all events be to receive propositions for the working legal evidence, and the absence of a little of the oil in his territories. The spots detail in the official minutes might be a in which it is known to exist are in parts | real inconvenience. We trust that some of the country which present no difficul- attention to this hint will be given by

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING

THE Press is glad to learn that troops are to sources which are believed to exist in its be despatched through Burmah to meet Mr. Grosvenor. "The presence of a body of British soldiers in Yuunan will give the Commissioners greater weight and influence, and the Chinese officials will be less dispose ed to trifle with men who have an armed force at their back. Mr. Grosvenor will, too, feel his position strengthened. The inquiry will, in fact, be conducted under changed conditions, and is now far more likely to result in some of the circumstances attending this dark deed being brought to light." It trusts that now Her Majesty's Ministers have put their hands to the plough, they will not look back till the object, in view has been successfully accomplished.-Adverting to the much vexed question as to whether the Chinese Government could if it chose suppress opium-smoking, it says "the assertion that the Chinese have no power to prevent the increased consump tion has been pretty plainly demonstrated to be inconsistent with facts; the action taken by the Governor of Nanking is worthy of notice in so far that it affords one more proof that the Chinese Government has the power to confine the consumption of opium in moderate bounds if it cares to exercise it. -Referring to the reduction of Indian postage, it observes that eighteen or twenty cents is the utmost that should be charged border, and may very likely exercise it for a letter weighing half an ounce from Hongkong via Brindisi to the United Kingdom. "Now that India and Australia have both obtained a substantial reduction in their postal rates, this part of Her Majes- _ --tv's dominions should receive some consid deration from the Postal Authorities."

LOUAL AND GENERAL.

The cases before the magistrate to-day were few and unimportant. The Court rose early.

the native community, while scarcely in- We learn that the schooner yacht Loiterer, sold this day by public auction, was knocked down to Mr E. Beart.

> Wit observe that the June only left Portsmouth for China on Dec. 18. She cannot therefore be expected up here for some

THE resolution to duplicate the cable between Rangoon and Penang was passed at a meeting of the E. E. A. and China Teletem be introduced which would give less | graph Co., held on the 16th ulto.; and on the same day a similar resolution authorized the Kastern Telegraph Co. to duplicate the lines from Sues to Bombay.

AMONGET the passengers which arrived today per French Mail Str. from Marselles, So long as the servant named remained we notice the names of Mr Ortune, Spanish Consul for this Port; M. de Pratt, the Spanish Minister; and Mr Godesux, Consul General for France at Shanghai. Mr Henderson, who has been to Europe to fine on the servant neglecting to return | purchase mining machinery for the Chinese authorities at Tientsin, has also arrived on

A CRICKET Match was played to-day between Non-commissioned Officers and Men vants would be to make every pass valid of the Garrison t. Hongkong Cricket Club.

Garrison (1st innings).....87

H.K. Club (1st innings)...81 (vud),)....64

In favour of Garrison

THE opium steamers of the month left Singspore yesterday, and a quantity of some 500 chests is stated to have been landed at the Straits. A round aupply of 8,000 chests is thus coming forward to this

If seems that the project of satablishing a Trading Company b tween this and London, is occupying the serious attention of some Chinese of influence and standing. An individual, who has been in America and England, has been offered a berth in the London store of the embryo Company on a salary of \$70 per month with board

Hongkong (1st innings).... 63 Amoy (1st innings).......... 71 **----181**.: Majority for Hongkong......48

THE Menelaus takes the Diemnah's mail to Shanghai.

PASSENGERS booked for Hongkong :-

Per P. & O., Dec. 16-Messrs J. Barry and F. A. Surton. Dec. 30-Mr and Mrs Samuels. Jan. 13-Miss Huffam. Jan. 27-Mr W. C. Johnston.

Per French Mail, Jan. 2-Mr T. Dick. Jan. 16-Mrs Beazley. Jan. 30-Mr and Mrs Manson, Feb. 13-Mr K. Adams. March 12-Mr and Mrs Fairhurst.

Mrs and Miss Bradfield; (Feb. 13) Mr A. Turnbull, and Mrs Turnbull.

An extensive robbery took place the other day by a female servant from her mistress. It appears that a Celestial lady of easy virtue lately returned from California, where she had managed to make a "pile." . She took a house in a street known as the "stone street" and engaged the services of a female servant. One day, towards the end of the Chinese year, the old dame auddenly disappeared, and it was then discovered that jewellery and money to the extent of over \$8,000 had been stolen. It is said that the mistress was the present Premier. The Ceylon Times drugged while the operation of overhauling her boxes was being carried on. The matter is now in the hands of the police.

THE following is the order of Service of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 4th Sunday after Epiphany, 30th January, 1876:--

Morning Prayer at 11.-Reader, The Bishop of the Diocese; Preacher, Bishop of the Diocese: First Lesson, Job, xxvii.; Second Lesson, Matthew. xvi. to xvii. 14 ; Venite, 9 Mercer; Te Deum, 2 Mercer; Benedictus, 16 Mercer; First Hymn, "Brief life is here our portion, No. 407, Part I.; Second Hymn, "Lo round the throne, at God's right hand, No. 429.

Evening Prayer at 4 —Reader, The Rev. J. S. Ladds, R.N.: Preacher, The Rev. J S. Ladde, B. N. : First Lesson, Job, XXVIII.; Second Lesson, Acts, XVIII. to v. 24; Psalms, Nos. 163 and 165 Monk; Service, Wesley in F.: Anthem. "Cast they burden upon the Lord," Mendelssohn, No. 30; Hymn after Sermon, No. 31 in Mercer.

HEDDE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 22nd Jan. 1876:-Arrivals During the Week. - Jan. 16. Yesso, from Hongkong; 18, Taku, from

Shanghai. Departures During the Week .- Jan. 15. Ceres, for Shanghai; 16, Haining, for Shanghai; 16, Douglas, for Hongkong; 17, Midge, for Cruise; 20, Yesso, for Hongkong; 20, Nadeshda, for Takao. Shipping in Port. - Cyclop, Charlie Palmer, San Francisco, Taku.

WE note by the Siam Weekly Advertiser that four steamers passed up by Bangk'o' lem point one after the other about 9 a.m. on the 12th instant. That journal adds:-We hope this rush of steamers will not be taken advantage of by the rice dealers to increase the price and leave no margin of profit for mercantile investments.

THE Sarawak Gazette of the 3rd instant cays : - " We have been given to understand that three companies have been formed in Singapore for the purpose of planting gambier and pepper in Sarawak, and that coolies are already coming in.

H. M. S. Audacious. Admiral Ryder's flagship, arrived at Singapore on Jan. 14. It is reported, says the Straits Times, that the Audacious, with the Admiral, will proceed on to Perak, but we understand this is not yet definitely decided upon. She will st all events probably await the arrival of the French mail from Europe before leaving.

THE Straits Times of the 15th says :- From the heavy squalls that have been experienced at Singapore at short intervals during November were—this year, 1:269,838; last the past few days, and the swell breaking year, 1.369,387. The total receipts, from in upon the beach, it is evident that there January 1 to November 80, were—this. has been heavy weather outside in the China | year, 1.8,849,870; last year, 1.4,118,812.

THE lates advices from Acheen, says the Penang Gazette, are up to the 10th Dec. The whole of the VI Mukima is now in porsession of the Dutch, who have only a trifling loss in wounded. There are no returns of the casualties on the Achinese side. excepting the death of one of their leading fighting men. The Dutch met with very little resistance; one of the most influential Achinese chiefs has offered his aubmission. In some of the conquered villages, the inhabitants are returning to their dwellings. The health of the troops continues satisfactory, and they are in excellent spirits.

THE Passengers per S. S. Brisbane have presented the following testimonial to the Captain :-

We the undersigned, passingers per sir. Brisbane for Singapore, feel it our duty to express our opinion, that the grounding of the Brisbane in the Angelica Reef. atoms from pure accident, in no way attributable to carelessness on the part of Capt. Ballour. We believe that the course shaped (west) from our noonday position (7 58 8. & 123014, E) would have t ken the ship pleas of all Capper, had not an unforcason

Heavy equalis and obscured weather shead of us, and extending from the North West to the South, rendered it impossible for the

We have pleasure in certifying that both prior to the accident and subsequently, the Capt. and Officers have been most attentive to their duties, and that every possible effort has been exerted to get the ship off the

Reof. We further state that in our opinion this accident should in no way affect the confidence of the travelling public in this route and Company, as we would ourselves have no hesitation in again travelling by the Company's boats and recommending our friends to adopt this route.—Signed by 13 first-class passengers.

THE Manila Comercio states that the exports during 1875, from the ports of Manila Cebu, and Iloilo, amounted to \$18,256,400, being \$947,100 more than in 1874.

THE Diario de Manila of the 31st ult. says: -- "Advices from Paris state that it has been decided to form in that city, a powerful Anglo-French company with the intention of turning to account the mother of pearl shell which is so abundantly found in the Philippines. The carrying out of this project will give a vigorous push to the maritime industry of these distant islands; Within the last few years, the business done in mother of pearl, which Manila now To Shanghai, per French Mail (Jan. 16) exports to China chiefly, has been increasing remarkably; and the estimation in which this article is held for its goodness in different markets is continually becoming greater."

It would appear that after all Lord Lytton is the future Vicercy of India. Commenting on his appointment, the Straits Times thus writes :- The appointment of Lord Lytton to the Governor-Generalship of India, will take India, as well as the whole British Empire, rather by surprise, because he is by no means a man of mark as a statesman and is even little known as an author, and because the appointment of the Duke of Buckingham was considered a moral by every Editor in the East and in the West. It is one of those coup de Theatres in which the Right Hon'ble Benjamin Distaeli delights, and it may turn out as great a success as that of Lord Mayo to the same post by has the following notice of Lord Lytton ! The Lord Lytton, who according

Reuter's telegram is to succeed Lord Northbrook as Viceroy of India, is the only son of the great novelist, poet, dramatist, orator and statesman, and was born Nov. 8 1831. He was educated at Harrow and Bonn in Germany, and at an early age entered the diplomatic service at Washington, under his uncle sir Henry Buller, Ambassador at that city. After a long and varied career in the diclomatic branch of the public service, he was appointed in December 1874. Her Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of Lisbon, and in the following May was offered, but declined, the Governorship of Madras, vacant by the death of Lord Hobart. Under the assumed name of "Owen Meredith" he produced a number of works in prose and verse, which were favorably received, and stamped him as a writer of rare power. In 1864 he married Edith, the second daughter of the Hon. E. Villiers, and niece of the late Earl of Clarendon; and in Jan. 1873 he succeeded his father the late Lord Lytton.

(L. & O. Express.) The amount of bullion per P. and O

steamer Bokhara, from Southampton, or the 16th ulto., was:-In silver, to Shanghai, £4,210; to Hong Kong, £71,979 8s. 4d. The Salamis, paddle despatch vessel which recently returned from the China station, is to be refitted for further service Devonport and provided with nev

boilers at a cost of £28,000. Commander the Hon. E. S. Dawson, o H.M.S. Dwarf, has written an interesting account of the naval and military services of China, from personal observation and information gathered on the spot. The account has been forwarded to the Admir-

As regards Hamburg communication with the East Indies and China, neither arrivals nor departures are reported, and rates of freight are on the same scale as last reported. The Bellona steamer was to leave in a few days for Singapore, &c., and being only of middling size, would be a ful ship. The Therese Behn, for Singapore, vid Penang, and the Deutschland, for Hong-

kong, were slowly filling up. It is announced that the Oriental Bank Corporation will pay the coupons of the Japan Seven per Cent. Loan of 1878, due on the 1st proxime, on and after that date.

The total quantity of tea delivered from the bonded warehouses in London during the week ended the 11th inst. was 8.400.89 1b., of which 2,159,029 lb. was for home consumption, 850,050 lb. was removed coastwise, 227,605 lb. was sent coastwise for exportation, 154,813 lb. was exported. and 3,394 lb. was for ship's stores. The duty received amounted to £53.976, which on comparison with the \$54,184 received in the preceding week, shows a decrease of

about & per cent. The Great Northern Telegraph Com--pany's traffic receipts for the month of

Ur. Dudgeon, of Feking, 18 at present in fown, and, it is said purposes to deliver series of addresses to his numerous friends from China, now in London, with a view of laying before them the present condition and future prospects of hospital and other work in that Empire. Dr and Mrs Edkins leave for Peking in January, accompanied by two assistants. Mr and Mrs Owen also leave the same month.

WHOLESOME TALK. In a recent Chancery case—the Canadian

Oil Works Corporation-Lord Justice James

material, are few and undisputed, and the the dreams of most. donolusion of law that follows from those facts is perfectly clear. It appears that score years and ten, looks well and strong, there were some gentlemen who were and is the father of five little offer of very minded to ittouce the English public to buy tender age, on whom he dotes, and who, some property-some oil wells and plant with their manths, were passengers on in Canada, which could only be done by board, at was also a son by a former marmeans of a foint-stock Company, In this riage. state of things these gentlemen apply to a body of English gentlemen of position, and main at Ismailia to meet the Prince of they say to those English gentlemen ! Pre- Wales on his return from India. tend to be abareholders in a company. Pre-

participate with you in the contract which ter informed. the other side of the Atlantic."

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXPENSIVE GAS. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Jan. 29, 1876. Sin,-May I endeavour to ascertain,

through the columns of your journal, whether the experience of Gas consumers generally is similar to my own in the consumption of the past year? On looking had the pleasure of travelling with you from taken the place first, and he was entitled over my household expenses I find that Marseilles, would beg to tender you our con- to finish his business; but the native of under exactly similar conditions I had been gratulations before you take leave of us at Hangchow becoming 'nasty' they both loss made to pay 25 per cent. more in 1875 | Port Said. than the average of the three preceding years. Gas is becoming an expensive verally with India, China, Japan and other must unlucky kick, succeeded in killing hit luxury at this rate, and I, for one, will take to Silber-light for pure economy, un to have the opportunity of thanking you for and our informant says that 'ten thousand' on cheaper terms. I hope some of your to our country at home especially, as well as intent on avenging the murder. Meanwhile enders will take the trouble to look into the matter and make their experiences

A SHOT IN REPLY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, January 29, 1876. Sin,-Will you kindly allow me space for a few remarks upon a communication in your paper of last evening, which appeared over the signature of "Birdett

Coutts," the perusal of which has tickled many others besides myself in the Colony While fully agreeing with the writer in his desire for the protection and increase of small birds, it is impossible for any one possessing the scantiest knowledge of natural history to refrain from a smile, when he reads "Birdett's" classification of the Woodcock, as one of those comingor that eught to come—under the Local

Is it possible that, with all his love for the feathered inhabitants of our home, he knows so little of their history that he believes the Woodcocks-poor victims lately shot-would have added to their number by breeding here? Surely he must he aware that the Birds were here only on a visit, and that it was just as well to bag aix when the opportunity occurred, instead of waiting for the mythical chance of getting more next time.

Again, does the kind-hearted "Birdett" know so little of the bird he pities, that he expects during his suburban rambles. to see numbers of them " perching in front, skimming the ground, touching it lightly. and bounding from it like a graceful and adroit danseuse;—then stopping to plume themselves, exhibit the black and shining wing, and wag the over-agile tail."

If he really expects this, I recommend his carrying some salt for the "agile tail." but I fear that unless he goes in for harder work than strolling in the suburbs. won't be able to "notice with admiration to his companion the tameness of a few" small woodcocks, "as they hover near him." "Not much," remarks the wily bird making an expressive motion with his right foot towards his beak.

The following extract from "Game service to "Birdett" :--

"The Woodcock's chief food consists of quarters, and the Woodcock being then unable to obtain the needful sustenance, is obliged to change its quarters, and whilst attempts to obtain food. And its return to the North it Spring is equally easy of explanation; for in addition to its desire to revisit its old haunts. where it no doubt finds climate and soil more congenial to its habits, is added another powerful influence

-the sexual feeling." my plea for the red-handed resident by hoping that "Birdett Coutts" will let Woodcocks alone in the future, or at least pen no more letters about them, until he has read a little of their history. I am. &c.

FULL COCK. P. S.—The pistol shooting episode is musing.

M. LESSEPS AND THE CANAL. To the Editor of the "OHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Jan. 29, 1876. may be interesting to some of your readers | Egypt. to learn his view on the subject of the is e change of proprietorship of nearly balf the shares in the Sues Canal, M. Lesseps is evidently much pleased with the present state of silairs; the shares now held by the British Government making the scheme a

stidgess in a pecuniary point of view. It was a great pleasure to the passengers of the Dismoul to see the worthy veteran. who had so nobly fought the good fight of "The facts of this case, so far as they are the Canal, and made it a success beyond

M. de Lesseps, although over the three-

It was reported that M. do Lesseps was

tend to be promotors. Protend to have made | not brought up as an angineer, and was of the river, facing Messey Rew Hospital, and visited different Hindog

you will pretend you have made. We will The incidents of the passage have been find you the shares. We will be the pro- few. We left with a good number of saloon moters. We will indemnify you against all passengers, some of whom left us at every Yuen-foodistrict a notice of which appeared the expenses. We will have the contract port of call. We picked up a few by the in our issue of the 30th ultimo-is now on made by ourselves cut and dried, and ready way, amongst them the passengers of the view in the Southern suburb, near the for signature; and we will give you a part Brisbane which was stranded on a coral reef bridge. The exhibitors are said to be makof the purchase money which we are to on her way from Australia, and had to ing a small fortune by the show. receive in money or in shares; and besides throw her cargo and coals overboard before that you will have your profits as directors she could be got off. Amongst the cargo We learn of a rather disagreeable encounof this Company.' And that body of English | was the Japanese specimens at the Great | ter with a water buffalo. A gentleman who gentlemen have consented and condescended | Show in Australia, and which were intended | was riding with a few friends at some distance to become the hired retainers upon those for Philadelphia this year. Although our from the Settlement was attacked by a very terms of some unknown adventurers from engines shewed signs of weakness at times powerful specimen of the above named we managed to keep our due dates, at the tribe. The brute charged straight at him, After enunciating the legal principle that respective ports until after leaving Salgon, and threw him from his pony—somewhat no agent can derive profit from his agency when we encountered heavy winds and injuring the latter, but, fortunately, causing without the knowledge of his principal, the weather, and on the afternoon of the 28th only a few bruises to the rider. The buffalo Judge says :- "I again desire to repeat that one of our three pistons gave way; the re- then turned his particular attention to the this Court will never sanction anything of maining two brought us safely into Hong- pony, which he chased for a considerable that kind, and will make the persons who kong, one day behind time. The vessel distance, thus allowing our friend to make engage in schemes such as these pay back to | will have to remain here to repair, and it a strategic movement to the rear. the uttermost farthing what they have is thought another will have to be provided to take forward to Shanghai the mails, cargo and passengers. The passage has been pleasant throughout,

and the worthy Commissaire has done all that was possible to make every passenger confortable on board.

On board the Steamer Diemnah 24 Dec., 1875.

To Mons. de Lessers.

matter of greatly augmented bills for the Crown, being a few passengers who have him. The Ningpo man replied that he he

you executed that work, and we congratu- not only him, but nine of his fellow-citizens late you on the position of the canal to- The Ningpo man vigorously resisted this day. We do not consider, and we are demand, which he said was out of all still to be done before your own ideas can be | ten lives for the loss of one." So th through it is the best proof that can be and a pitched battle ensued, in which given of the value of the canal, and is at twenty-five of the latter were killed. O which you have given so great a part of canal a most effective means of bringing the trouble. - Courier & Gazette. East and the West more closely together in their friendly and social relationships.

We beg also to congratutate you on the step lately taken by our Government in becoming part proprietors of the Canal, and we are assured that we but echo the sentiments of our Countrymen generally when two great Countries—France and England -may become more than ever united in interest the only rivalries to be known beeneficent commerce.

We trust that you may long be spared to work, and we remain.

Monsieur de Lesseps,

Djemnah.

M. Lesseys, after thanking the gentlemen who waited upon him, said that as soon as he began to study the works connected with the Suez Canal, he was convinced that the enterprise would be above all profitable to the commercial and maritime interests of England. But France had taken the initiative in the work, the science of France determined the mode of its execution, and while as a Frenchman he expected it to bring honor to his own country, he at the same time had always looked upon it as a work undertaken in the interests of civi lization, and had believed also that it would bring to an end the political rivalry Birds of Sweden and Norway," may be of | which had also so long existed between

France and England in Egypt. Since the beginning of the century France worms, small beetles &c., the breeding and | had not ceased, through her engineers, her existence of which are dependent on the servants, and her officers, by land and sea, state of the weather. On the coming of to give all assistance to the Vicercy of the frost, these retire to their winter Royot in his efforts to restore civilization to the old land of the Pharachs. British nolicy had moreover always looked with jealousy on the proceedings of France in removing by slow degrees to the South, Egypt. It was afraid that some day the it renews, at several halting-places, its French might dome to exercise an exclusive

influence there. To this sentiment he had attributed the opposition made from first to last to the operations connected with the Canal I an opposition which he thought was not approved by the English people. The people however, following the laudable custom of And now. Mr Editor, let me conclude their country, supported the government in its Foreign policy, and thus helped create those obstacles. But to-day the wish that he had expressed twenty years ago to Lord Stratford de Redelife, British Ambassador at Constantinople, was at

length realized. There would now be no more struggling for influence in Egypt between France and England either in works of civilization or for the maintenance of the dynasty of Mahomet Ali. The 'Association du Canal de Suez," the capital, of which is now prowided jointly by England and France, becomes the earnest of the alliance between the two peoples, who have now but one Sin,-I beg to enclose you copy of an interest in the prosperity of a pacific enteraddress presented to M. Lesseps, with his prise, having for its object the benefit of reply to the same, as at this juncture it the world as well as the happiness of

> FOOCHOW: (Prochow Herald:)

to return darly next week.

A slight shook of earthquake was experisomewhat slatmed, and rushed from their the route to the Camp. ho ses in great numbers.

We are glad to be, shie to suffoliace that afterwards. at a meeting of the Folkion Rabe Club, held on the 18th instant, it was decided to have Beneres workmanellip, besides different races in the Spring, at a date to be fixed by breeds of cattle. the Stewards. Publics are expected from It is understood that M. Lesseps will re. Amoy, so that the racing cushs to come up Maharajah Visianagram, who conducted to the usual standard.

A large Swatow Junk was burnt ou the

join you as shareholders, and invite them to ject, which he has so well executed. On was under repair at the time of the accident. Temples. believe that you are the promoters, and to this point your readers may perhaps be bet having been hauled above low water mark some days previously.

The Leopard lately captured in the

A serious affray has taken place in this occupation by the river side, a Hangchow France has sent a special envoy to Egypt. man who wanted the place to wash some We the undersigned subjects of the British rice came up and began to dispute with their tempers. A flerce fight ensued, in Our business relationships connect us se- which the Ningpo man, by a well-aimed but parts of the East, and it is to us a pleasure opponent on the spot. The affair got wind less I can obtain my Carburetted bydrogen | the great service which you have rendered | Hangchow men assembled in the streets to all Europe and the East, by the construc- however the Ningpoese had lost no time in tion of the canal by which your name has giving himself up to the authorities. become famous throughout the civilized "Here I am," said he; "I have had the world. We remember the indomitable ener- misfortune to kill a native of your city,gy and perseverance with which, in the face now kill me. It's only proper!" But the of many difficulties and discouragements, populace wouldn't hear of it; they wanted sure that neither do you consider, that reason. "A life for a life," he rejoinedit is yet a completed work; much has "that is fair enough; but you,can't charge fully realized; but the fact that in one year | Ningpoese assembled themselves in even 2,500,000 tons of shipping have passed greater numbers than the Hangchowites, same time a splendid result of the effort to course the slayer is in custody and will doubtless be beheaded; but the natives of your life. And over and above its value in | Hangchow are in a ferment of rage, and it a commercial aspect, we recognize in the is feared that the affair may lead to further

> CHINKIANU. (Courier Correspondent.)

January 18th, 1876, The meeting of Land-renters was held to-day at the Municipal Council Room, Mr. W. G. Stronach, H.B.M. Consul in the chair, we express the hope that by this step the The proposition to levy wharfage dues in order to raise funds for carrying out the bunding scheme, as per enclosed copy, was not carried. The following resolution. tween them being the peaceful rivalries of a introduced by Mr. Williamson, was passed "That each lot of land to pay a certain amount, whether built or not, in proportion witness a still greater success to your noble to its value, towards repairing the Bund. The proposer is not a property-holder. Mr. Bean, one of the members of the late Your Sincere Wellwishers. Council, was found to have expended Tls. (Signed by about 20 passengers by the 17.49 instead of \$10 as allowed by the Council, and had to pay the difference out of his own pocket. The Municipal Council elect for 1876 is composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs Salter, Carnie, Duff, Bank, 6 months sight, 4/01 Williamson and Gearing. Dr. Platt was unanimously elected Municipal Surgeon for the year; the office is both honorary and honourable.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Djemnah, Capt. Flambeau arrived in Harbour this afternoon, with the London Mails of Dec. 17.

UNPUBLISHED TELEGRAMS.

We extract the following telegrams from late Indian exchanges :--Calcutta, 1st Jan .- This (Saturday) afternoon H. R. H. unveiled an Equestrian statue of Earl Mayo, amidst a brilliant gathering. Mr Bullen Smith, the president of the memorial committee, recounted the history of the memorial, and the Prince replied, eulogising the late Earl Mayo. and

expressing his pleasure at taking part in

the present ceremony.

Calcutta, 8rd Jan .- This morning the Prince of Wales again visited the General Hospital for the purpose of witnessing some further Snake poison experiments under Doctor Fayrer. ...

This afternoon at 4.80 a Convocation of the Calcutta University assembled for the purpose of confirming an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on the Prince of Wales. This is the first honorary decree conferred by the University.

Calcutta, 3rd January.—The Prince of Wales on leaving Government House conferred the honor of Knighthood on Mr Stuart Hogg, Commissioner of Police, in recognition of his services during the Prince's visit. London, Brd January.—The press mene-

rally disapproves of the new Blave Circular, issued by the Admiralty. London, Brd January .- The W repite Training ship has been burnt at Woolwich: All the boys have been saved. Incendiarism

London, Brd January .- The Russians are preparing to cross Syrdaria and occupy Marghilan and Andirgam. They will probably eventually annex Southern Kho-

London, 4th January.—It is officially announced that Lord Northbrook has in-H. B. M. & B. Midge left for Tametil and timated his inability to hold office in India Kelungon the 17th instant. Bhe is expected for another summer. The Viceroy will be relieved by Lord Lytton next spring. Lord Northbrook receives an Earldom. Benares: January 5. The Prince of speed in the Settlement at about 11.80,p.m. | Wales arrived here last evening and was on the 18th instant. The Chinese were warmly received at the Station and along This morning he received an address from the Municipality and held a Leves

> The Prince inspected specimens of A visit was paid in the afternoon to the Prince to the Town Hall, which the

He then laid the Foundation Stone of a

a contract with us and invite the world to years of age when he commenced the pro- & Co.'s, on the 14th Instant. The vessel | Temples including the Monkey and Golden

The Prince then proceeded to the Castle of the Rajah of Beneres up the Ganges, where he was gorgeously received in full Oriental splendour, by the Rajah's troops mounted on horses, elephants and camels. The display was most picturesque and

imposing. The Prince received several gifts from the Rajah, and when dusk set in viewed the illuminations in the City from the

The entire length of the city along the rivers is splendidly illuminated; the architectural beauty and great heigh of the majority of the buildings adding greatly to the grandeur of the scene. Noth. ing yet witnessed can compare with it. There was a grand display of fireworks

on each bank of the river. The Prince leaves for Lucknew to-morrow

Bombay, January 5 .- General Edward Allan Holdich is appointed to a Coloneley in the 57th.

General Freeman Murray becomes Colonel in the 98rd. Cairo, January 5 .- Cherif Pasha, Miniscity, which took its rise from a singularly | ter of the Interior, is appointed Minister triffing circumstance. There lives here a for Foreign Affairs. Nubar Pasha has brass-man, a native of Hangchow, who has resigned. In consequence of the Ministry a Ningpo journeyman. He ordered this of Commerce having been separated from man to go one day and wash some vegeta- the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rachet bles for dinner, and while engaged in this Pacha is appointed Minister of Commerce.

> Plymouth Church has agreed to the proposal of Mrs. Moulton for a council of the Congregational churches to review its action in her case, and the sufficiency of her reasons for absenting herself from its ministrations. The papers generally predict a renewal of the Beecher investigation, but the issues to be submitted to the council are so framed

that this will not necessarily follows The Leeds Mercury—a matter of fact journal not given to joking-reports in its Dec. 1 issue a Dublin breach of promise case -Martin v. M'Cavanagh-and describes the plaintiff, the daughter of a farmer in the county of Cavan, as "a handsome young woman, 225 years of age." This is either a remarkable case for the anti-centenarians to investigate, and one showing how youthful vigour and beauty may be preserved in the land of home rule to a period altogether unknown elsewhere in modern times, or it simply demonstrates that somebody connected with the Mercury has a marked faculty for putting 2 & 2 together. It will gratify jilted spinsters to know that, whatever the lady's age, she was compensated for losing her lover by an award of 2001. damages, though it was just possible, as the defendant said-he being given to drink and having run away with his father's servant maid-that the lady "had had a fortunate escape from him."

Quotations. Hongkong, Jan. 29, 1876. OPIUM. -- New Patna, cash... 605 credit, 610 Old Patna, cash --credit, --New Benares, cash, 570 Old Benares, cash, -New Malwa, cash, 585 credit, 590 Allowance Taels. — Old Malwa, cash, 590 credit, 595 Allowance Taels. --OAMPHOR, 141 a 15 QUICKSILVER, 91

SALTPETRE. Exchange. Credit. 6 months' sight, ... 4/02 On Calcutta, Bank demand, ... R 225 Bombay, demand, , Shanghai, demand. Shanghai, 30 days' sight, ... Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., Mexicans, ... Gold Leaf. English Sovereigns. Australian Sovereigns, Discount, 6 a 8 Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 6 per cent, prem. H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$545 China Fire Ins. Co., \$140 Victoria Fire Ins. Co., \$69 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 86 % dia. China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1600 Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$600 Chinese Insurance Co., \$216 North China Ins. Co., Tis. 825 C. & J. Marine Ins. Co., Tls. 107 Yangtaze Ins. Association, Tls. 590 H.K. O. & M. S. bost Co., 5 dis. ex div. Union S. Navigation Co., Tls. Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tls. 74 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$524 dis. Ohinese Imperial Loan, £102.

Tomperature. Hongkong, Jan. 29, 1876. (Taken at Messra. Patconer & Co.'s Premises. Queen's Road.) THERMOMETER-9 A. M., 1 P.M., Maximum, Minim, over night, BAROMETER, -9 A.M. Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING. The following is given in the London & China Express, dated December 17 DEPARTURES.

Nov. 30, Star of the West, from New York to Shanghai. Dec. 8, Innocenta, from Cardiff to Manila. Dec. 10, Buenaventura (etr.), from Liver.

pool to Manila. Dec. 10, Mary Ann Dixon, from London to Shanghai.

Dec. 12, Hieronymus, from Cardiff to Hongkong, Dec. 13, Duart Bay, from Glasgow &c Shaughai.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN FORTH At Landon. - Steamers via Bues Canale Orobis . Quang-Se. Oxfordshire,

Sailing Versels, Zibax Forward Ho. Evelyn, At Liverpool Bientor (str.)

S. Atticked (str.) Diomed (str.) At Glasgory,

Condia (str.)

Parifolia.

A sower went forth to sow. His eyes were wild with woe, dicionahed the flowers beneath his feet Nor smalt the perfume warm and sweet That prayed for pity everywhere. He came to a field that was harried By iron, and to heaven laid bare : WoHe shook the seed that he carried O'er that brown and bladeless place.

It was an Autumn day When next I went that way. And what think you did I see, What was it that I heard? The song of a sweet-voiced bird? . Nay-but the songs of many Whrilled through with praising prayer. Of all those voices not any Were and of memory ; And a sea of sufflight flowed, And a golden harvest glowed. On my face I fell down there, I hid my weeping eyes; I said, O God, thou art wise, And I thank thee again and again For the sower whose name is Pain.

REVERENCE.

The great Creator to revere, Must sure become the creature But still the preaching cant forbear, And ev'n the rigid feature : Yet ne'er with wits profane to range, Be complaisance extended: An atheist's laughs poor exchange For Deity offended!

When ranting round in pleasure's ring. Religion may be blinded; Or, if she give a random sting, It may be little minded: But when on life we're tempest driv'n A conscience but a canker-A correspondence fix'd wi' heav'n ls sure a nobler anchor

Your sayer of smart things has a ba heart .- Pascal. How weak a thing is gentility if it wants

virtue. - Fuller. A GOOD book is the best of friends-the same to-day and for ever .- Tupper.

An Indian philosopher being asked what were, according to his opinion, the two most beautiful things in the universe, answered. "The starry heavens above our heads, and the feeling of duty in our hearts."

bear the heaviest burdens, perform the sever- of the two or three hundred great officials and duties, and look all men boldly in the or merchant princes, and I make allowance face, if he only bears in his breast a clear for the singularity of the occasion, Sonspience, void of offence towards God and all Calcutta is en fête, and visitors have men! There is no spring, no spur, no poured in from all parts of the morussi omitted no task, and left no obligation dress here more expensively than elseundischarged this fills the heart with satis- where in India. faction and the soul with strength.

NEVER mind where you work ; care more about how you work. Never mind who sees, if God approves. - Spurgeon.

It is not great battles alone that build the world's history, nor great poems alone that make the generations grow. There is a still small rain from heaven that has more to do with the blessedness of nature, and of human nature, than the mightiest earthquake or the loveliest rainbow.

NEVER lose an opportunity of seeing writing-a wayside sacrament. Welcome would be in London, taking their morning it in every fair face, every fair sky, and promenade between Grosvenor Gate every fair flower, and thank him earnestly with your eyes. It is a charming draught, a cup of blessing.

INFIDELITY, if it prevails in Europe and America, must be substituted for Christianity for the religion of the Bible. This In its doctrine it is dignified and glorious; political and civil laws; because these, next to religion, are the greatest good that men can give and receive."-Spirit of Laws.

THE Bible itself is a standing and an astonishing miracle. Written, fragment by fragment throughout the course of fifteen centuries under different states of society and in different language, by persons of the most opposite tempers, talents, and conditions, learned and unlearned, prince and pessant, bond and free; cast into every form of instructive composition and good writing, history, prophecy poetry, allegory, emblematic representation, judicious interpretation, literal statement, precept, example, proverbs, discutsition, epistle. sermon. prayer i in short, all rational shapes of human discourse, and treating. moreover, on subjects not obvious, but most difficult ;-its authors are not found. like other writers, contradicting one another upon the most ordinary matters of fact and opinion, but are at harmony upon the whole of their sublime and momentous

scheme. Prof. Maclagan. Science and Religion.—It would be ridiculous to say that the fate of religious efeeling is really involved in the fate of of nature : for history shows us quite the contrary. Religious feeling has survived the believentric theory and the discoveries of geologists; and it will be mone the worse for the establishment of Darwiniam. It is the merest truism to say that religion strikes its roots, deeper down into human nature than speculative opinion, and is acsordingly independent of any particular set of beliefs. Since, then, the scientific inmovator does not, wither voluntarily or involuntarily, strack religion, it follows that there can be no "conflict." The real con-Lest is between one phase of delence and and other t between the more grude knowledge col yesterday and the less crude knowledge of today. The contest, indeed, as presented in history, is simply the measure of the difficulty which men thad is exchanging old views for new ones. All along, the bractical question has been, whether we abould passively acquiesce in the crude generalizations of our angestors or venture actively to revise them. But as for the reilgious soutiment, the percunial struggle in which it has been engaged has not been with scientific enquiry, but with the selfish propensities whose tendency is to make men lead the lives of brutes. Wew York

CALCUTTA GOSSIP.

(Pioneer.)

CALCUTTA. 24th December. it : Caloutta, after all, is the capital of for fully three quarters of an hour in the owner required such a heavy price that I rather easier in mind, and sat down to fices : si argumentum requires circumspice resched it at all. A hack carriage, which was so handsome as in our bank; and now stately and substantial edifices such as no me and asked me to engage it. I had been tion of Bombay are more striking and pic- squeezed out of me, and I accepted the it papa?" she cried, for she siways called nities that it is almost a shame these were in our places, when His Royal Highness be got over first. And we had the house Bombay more ground?

cavalcade might have some degree of unipiecem, the train always got fishy towards the rear. Now, here the troops of the great military Princes (such as Scindia. Pattiala, or Holkar), and the followers of the civilian Princes (such as Burdwan. Vizianagram, and Henares), are as tidy and complete in the details of their equipment as British soldiers under the eye of a martinet Adjutant. Their carriages, too, are well-appointed now, and the horses wellmatched, well-broken, and well-groomed. But the equipages of Calcutta altogether are surprisingly well got up. At Bombas it seemed to me that, except the Governor's and those of a few Parsees, the carriages were second-hand, and the horses ponies when they were not rate; but here, carriages and horses alike, are almost up London mark, and they are innumerable. Everybody must be very rich here. nearly everybody must be living above his income. This impression is confirmed on noticing how richly the women dress. How bravely a man can walk the earth, am not speaking of the wives and daughters But still I think, rank for rank, the ladies I was taking a waik down Chowringhee this morning. It was a beautifully brisk and keen morning such as detractors in the mofussil tend that Calcutta never has and was surprised at the unnecessarily handsome toilettes, not only of the ladies who were driving, but of those who were walkof the local aristocracy. Just opposite the United Service Club. 1 was attracted mother and daughters, and were dressed just as ladies should be-just as ladies Apaley House. As they drew nearer, I saw that the younger ladies were distinctly protty, one especially , she was perhapsam not quite sure just a little "dark."

"Black, but such as in esteem Prince Memnon's sister might beseem,"

religion, its enemies themselves confess, is, as I think Milton sings. She may have us believe that poor Mr. I was in no danger of any process of law. skylight in the closet bedroom, which I had in its moral code, holy, and just, and good. | worn "the shadowy livery of the burning | Margary deserved his sad fate for daring | What could Morris be to me? Then in an overlooked. I ran to the place, and sure sun" as Shakspeare again puts it; but I am to travel in South-Western China by order In its fendency it is pure and peaceable, really not sure; only I am quite sure she of his Government and under special legally the rent day, and that the law ill omened face of Morris peering in gentle, and easy to be entreated; full of was pretty and nicely dressed, and I do not safe conducts from that of China-trifling accords to a landlord, without notice or Luckily the room was quite dark, and the mercy and good fruits, without partiality, think she can have belonged to the exclusive but important items which Mr. Bridges conand without hypocrisy. The celebrated classes for the following reason. As I was veniently ignores. He would have us con-Montesquien remarks: "The Christian passing, she made a step forward, and sider whether his mission was not "such as religion, which ordains that men should smiling pleasantly presented me with a to the Chinese people and their governors love each other, would, without doubt, printed paper. I had hardly time to raise must seem a formidable source of new my hat, before she had already gone on. - I dangers to their internal peace, a wanton had not the least doubt that the young lady aggravation of evils already inflicted," and in season and out of season, who employ his opinion they had fair and reasonable their money in buying, and their time in grounds for their dastardly course of action. some advice, good or bad, about my body

the family (say) of a Member of Council. and Holkar pretendi g to be very fond of tion of the Underground Railway) with ment in the opium trade) the interests content with the spoils of many a smaller Celestial Empire and the West." attired on this occasion. A pickpocket state that his opinion of our dealings with would not have got much, for instance, out China is that " whereas fraud alone is used of the Salar Jong. By the bye, I do on the weaker sider fraud combined with wonder the London swall-mob did not send force in used on the stronger."-- Overland ite 'speciale' also in the Prince's train it Mail would links been more lucrative than dog. ging Lady Dudley. We varied the A. BELEAGUERED HOME. astupishing Chase of the whole affair berati. Buch confucions lielpless, inentricable in hybright the news of bur ruin as we sat at never did see. Rajabe, with aliperbendi. breakfast with the windows open to the pages and devoted followers waiting for ground, leaking but un the sunny lawn, a them outside, sould not get user their outlined longings, and were pushed and suited about in all directions There was Soindia's stately carriage with its four greys and life, little more than a twelvemonth old, well-appointed esport; but where was with everything seemingly clear and bright County Guy 1. Where was Soundie 1 Anawer! | before the Land now all was doubt and

wandering up and down under horses' noses Bombay may have ten or a dozen acres of could not find its proper charterers, hailed turesque than those of either Caloutta or offer, salving my conscience by the thought my father thus; "has anything happened Madras. But a great many things go to a that in all probability the lawful lessees of to him?" She seemed absolutely relieved capital, and Bombay is no more the capital of this gharry had preferred mine; and so I when I told her nothing had happened but India than Udesas is of Russis. Why is it, did at last get home, fust in time to dress the loss of all our means, by the bye, that in India the traveller is so and go out to dine. After dinner, a little often reminded of Russia Verily, extremes bird brought word from Government House misfortune, when it first comes upon us, more unlike St. Petersburg than Calcutta, Theatre to see Charles Matthews in Cool as were quite gay over it, I remember, that. and yet where the occult resemblance lies, a Cucumber and Used Up. Accordingly, it first day. We were young, with the world I am sure I don't know-St. Petersburg is was decided Descolamation to adjourn at before us. We must descend into the arena the one city with which you instinctively once to the theatre. The house was only of life and fight our way to success. But compare it. I regret to treat the preten- half full, and there wasno difficulty in one circumstance interfered with sions of Bombay to the primacy among securing three adjacent boxe? for no news plans of immediate activity on her part. India towns with ridicule. The people of the Prince's intention had leaked into We were daily, almost, expecting the there have made so much of their opportu- the public. We had scarcely got settled advent of a young stranger; and that must so limited. Why did not Providence give arrived, accompanied by the Viceroy, and upon our hands for another six months at with the Duke of Sutherland, Major least. I am very much struck by the progress | Sartorius, and Captain Farmer in attenwhich ideas of neatness and finish have dance. After the performance the Prince at once, my wife suggested. We could made among Indian Princes. Formerly sent for Charles Matthews, who presented the sowars of even the biggest Rajah gave | himself in the royal box with painted it off our hands, or to accept a specified sum the notion quite as much of dirt as magni- cheeks, and in the ploughboy's costume in in lieu of notice. With an impulse of newficence. There was a draggled and poverty- which he had played the last scene of Used born activity, I sat down to write the note stricken look in it, with all its display and Up. By this time a considerable crowd, at once. Unexpected misfortunes, I wrote, expense. The Prince might be ablaze with including a good number of Parsee gentle- had put it out of my power to occupy a diamonds, and the leading horsemen in his men, had collected in the corridor behind house at such a rent any longer. the Prince's box. As Matthews left the my landlord kindly consent to some arrangeformity in their uniforms; but desinit in Prince, he passed the back of our box and ment for relieving me of a portion of my looked in saying (I presume with reference responsibility. to the crowd that had been staring at him) They take me for a Raid." He looked very like a Raj Mistri. Now, this is a

> THE "FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

Mr J. H. Bridges discusses a most important first?" Candidly owning that he has no knowledge of the questions at issue between this country and China, more special than comes from a careful (?) study of blue-books, speak ex cathedra, as it were, and to read a solemn lecture on matters beyond his comprehension. Mr Bridges ventures to assert, that never in the history of civilized nations was there a struggle in which the issues of right and wrong, just and unjust, wise and stood out more clearly and sharply defined than in the relations now subsisting his blue-book learning, he emphatically condemns the British, and in arriving at his conviction he wanders over a large extent of round in a very confusing manner-so connone but those who have that special knowedge, which he affects to despise, of the matter in hand can hope to follow him. Familiar as we are with the subjects he deals with we lay down his essay with mingled feelings of pity and regret that he should have wasted so much time over blue-books other cources of information of the thical results as to make him place the city

Ymman. In reward to the latter branch of his essay, it will perhaps be sufficient to say that he sneers at Capt. Sprye, displays much acerbity against Major Sladen, and would County Court and wrecker in general. But the roof? Then I bethought me of the was one of those zealous Christians, constant | consequently we cannot but conclude that in distributing, tracts; and I felt sure that the Having settled the history of the trade document I had received would prove to route from Burmah to China to his own ask the question. What is it we want in Chi- the man, and ask his forbearance. It was, in fact, the advertisement of a na that we have not got?" Not having any suggestions on Sir Rutherford Alcock, and fetch the doctor. each other and altogether, the matiners the former for straining every nerve to inand attitude of the Native Princes amongst duce the Home Government not to ratify The doctor and nurse were in the house, bank. Of course I couldn't hold out very themselves reminded one irresistibly of the that celebrated and eminently unpopular but Jane was still in her trouble. The long; the men would find a way in at last happy family-that society of hawks and document. The very pith and marrow of doctor talked cheerfully, but looked a little and all goods would be saised. Fairly sold canaries, cats and mice, in the same cage Lis ergument is—to quote the approving annious. In one of the intervals when he there was enough to satisfy all my liabili which is generally to be seen in London words of a literary contemporary—"that came down stairs for a little refreshment, I ties here, and give a handsome surplus I but either under the National Gallery, or English interests in China mean (beside the told him of the position in which I was in the hands of these harpies everything beneath the arch by the Charing Cross sta- indefensible interests of the Indian Governe | placed. Lord Northbrook as keeper. As for the a handful of not always over-scrupulous all hazards. If my patient has anything to estrength enough to rally from the shock. ladies, what must their feelings, have been tradesmen [eio], and that the honour of the as they temarked the big diamonds and English Government is in no way concerned emeralds in Pattiala's head dress, or the to extert privileges for this class, which constellations of fine brilliants in Burd- actually retards the development of volunwan's. For my part, I could have been tary and friendly intercourse between the Chief, though it was not the most powerful | think that we shall sufficiently point out the personage who was the most stimptholisly absurdity of Mr Bridge's arguments, if we

It was the last letter in the post-bag that Bilver struck of river beyond, and the mountains shirling blue in the distance.
We had been tery, happy in our married Jamined among a drowd of ladies, officers, gloom our means had vanished into thin &c almost as incopable of movement as a Rir. All my fortute was invested in the sardine I and so of most of them. I saw a Labora and Dalhi Bank, and that had

India. It would be invidious and useless search for their own vessals and vehicle. hesitated about withdrawing any of my to reason out the matter. A glance suf- As for my modest wheelbarrow, I never capital from an investment where the return

Whilst I was reading the letter announc-

There is a kind of excitement about

Something could be done about the house write to our landlord and ask him to take

Our landlord was not a native-born Welshman, but a retired attorney from one of the large towns, who had bought the property at a bargain, and was bent upon making the most out of it. I paid rather a high rent for the place, as rents went in that out-of-the-way locality-£90 a year, paid half-yearly. The custom was in those In a long and fambling paper contained in | parts to pay the rent on a specified day. good while after it was due. Thus the Lady day rents would be paid late in June and the Michaelmas about December.

was a great simpleton. I thought afterwards, to write such a letter: for there is no need for a man to trumpet his door. misfortunes, which get wind soon enough without his aid.

The day following that on which the sad news came was the 25th of March. news of our trouble had got about, through the medium of Tranter & Co., no doubt, Every one, at least so we fancied looked queerly at us; a shower of unremembered little bills came drifting in upon us.

half-year's rent was this day due. that David, the Fisherman, was in kitchen, and wanted particularly to see me. "Beg your pardon, sir." said David touching his forelock in salutation. wish to speak with you very particular: I asked him into my room.

"Beg your pardon, sir," he said, breaking forth again suddenly into speech, "you'll think me a very impudent fellow, but do house you owe Mr Tranter any money?"

"Not I: why do you ask. David?" "Well, sir, as I happened to make a cal at the skinners' Arms just now, my cousin, Hugh Jones, came into the bar, not seeing Mr Bridges rakes up against us—and need; it a good job I will have at Brynmor towe say it, to our disadvantage—all the wars | morrow?' Capital, said-Morris—for that we have waged with China and Burmah was the man he was with- there will be a during the last half century, and he is week's possession, and then the sale; and especially severe on our action, past, present, between Dr. Tranter and me we will skin and future, in regard to a trade route to the young Englishman nicely." There's for

and agent in a small way, bailiff of the Could they be effecting an entry through instant I recalled the fact that this was enough, the skylight was open, and the process, the right to seize his tenant's man kesitated to lower himself down in to effects and take possession of his premises. the seeming abyes. He turned to call his

venture upon such an outrage." and means to get it all for the half-year's enterprise for the night.

in a very desperate position. With a deal disturbed by a noise on the roof. contain good advice about my soul. To my satisfaction, and to the discredit of this violent effort I overcame my pride, and utter surprise, it turned out to contain only | country, Mr Bridges thinks "it is time to resolved that I would humble myself before satisfied with his patient.

"Wait here, David," I said, "I may want | after he had left the room, "which I don' "purveying association," and told me that "epecial knowledge" of his subject, which you;" and I hastily took my hat and went like: "She must be kept quiet at all hazsausages prepared from the very best might have taught him that what we chiefly out to Tranter's cottage. I thought I saw ards." But that was easier said than done materials by a professed European maker" want is a strict and honourable fulfilment of his face at the window, as I passed, but | "I had a long walk in the darkness think would be supplied me at Rs. 1-8 a dozen | treaty obligations now for so many years when his house keeper came to the door, ling over what I should do. I had written but that "if trouffles (eld), mushrooms, or systematically ignored and evaded-Mr. she laughed in my face, and denied that he to several friends, on the moment, the capers are added, the price will be two Bridges has to hark back to the Alcock Con- was at home. I returned home dejected night before, asking for a temporary loan rupees." This is my only reason for con- vention of 1869, and he falls foul of Cham- and miserable. The house maid was look- to meet this sudden call: but I had little cluding that the ladies in question were not bers of Commerce in this country and in ling out for me as I reached the gate. Her hope of any favorable reply, and I almost China thereanent, roundly taking them to mistress was taken ill; David had been regretted having subjected myself to the It was very pleasant to watch Soindis task, the latter for pressing unreasonable sent to seek his wife, and I must go and humiliation of refusal. My father was in

At midnight things were still in suspense. for his fortunes, too, were embarked in this

"You must keep them out," he said, " agitate her, it will be her death." I took David, who still remained about

the premises, into consultation. He bright ened up when I told him what I intended to do, and entered heart and soul into the enterprise. We were to statid a slege: The house was long and low, with a gable

at each end, and a covered porch between, In one of the wables was the kitchen, and the servants' bedrooms were above that. The other wing contained dining and drawing rooms, over which were our bedroom and the guest-blismber, with shother small closet bedroom lighted from the roof. My own little snuggery was at the back on the ground floor. To this room and the kitchen I determined to confine myself whilst the siege lasted. I went round the lictice. therefore, with giblet, screws, and screws driver, fastening all the windows, securely blosing and barring all the shutters. I muffled all the bells in the House. There was no knocker to the hall-door, the upper

and my relations with the outside world.

indispensable, and milk. For the rest there similar area in Calcutta can show, and no squeezed in the crowd, that my principles ing the fatal news, Jane saw by my face larder, and the cellar was pretty well a few days' consumption.

> undertook to bring night and morning in | selves with a strict blockade. can, and at a concerted signal I was to It was necessary now for David to make lower a cord and hook from the upper a sortie. We had not sent to the Postoffice window and hoist it up. Bread enough for | during two days, and it was just possible three days' supply he undertook to obtain. | that there might be lying there an answer Night dragged wearily on.

At last, just as gray dawn was breaking, a piping, babbling cry resounded through the house announcing the advent of a new life upon the earth.

"Well," said the doctor, grasping me heartily by the hand, "it's a fine boy; and we shall do excellently now; only perfect quiet, and stillness, and rest. She wants to see you but you must not stop a minute. As I stood by her bedside, with her poor fevered hand in mine—and I couldn't speak a word, or I should have made a fool of myself -I heard the gate slam too, and I saw. invisible to those on the watch, was quick-| through a crevice in the blind, two men | ly established and David fixed the hook incoming down the gravel drive. They sepa- to a little bundle of letters, which I quickrated at the shrubbery, and one of them concealed himself among the trees, whilst | friends-' Awfully sorry, so very short the other made his way towards the hall

"Don't go," whispered Jane. "But the doctor orders it." And I tore myself away, and hurried down to the door

Just in time. The doctor had gone out for a mouthful of fresh air, and unwittingly left the door ajar. I threw myself upon it it slammed to against the ready foot of Mr. Morris, whose burly form was shadowed against the ground-glass panes.

Rap a tap tap went his stick against the

"Don't trouble yourself to knock again," I whispered through the keyhole. "for you shan't come in." Then warning the doctor of what had happened, I ran rapidly through the house to examine the fastenings. . The siege had commenced,

At the very outset, all my pains were nearly frustrated. I heard a ringing sound upon the pavement of the hall, and, running the course of the day came a reply from Mr | hastily thither, I found that the key had just Tranter—a note, at least, taking no notice | fallen from the lock, and another key was of my letter, but reminding me that the being introduced from the outside. My landlord evidently kept duplicate keys of the The same evening, about six, I was told doors, and the baliff had made use of one of those little instruments, known to housebreakers, by which the end of a key within its look can be seized and turned round from the other side. I was just in time to place ployer." my foot against the door, whilst I succeeded silence reigned everywhere through the ended the siege of Brynmor.

The day passed heavily enough. After

his man on guard. Thankfully I saw the sun disappear behind the hills, and darkness creen over the landscape. Suddenly I heard a sound upon the roof, as of some This Morris, it seemed, was an auctioneer | heavy body bumping upon the slates. "But." I cried. "Tranter would never man, and I seized the opportunity to spring at the fastening of the skylight, and pulled "Indeed he would care little for what it down, hanging upon it with all my was said of him if he could make a trifle; weight. After several ineffective attempts and listen. Captain-I heard Morris say to raise it, the men desisted, supposing it that he had taken a fancy to your furniture, securely fastened. This was their last

All was still going on well with mother Then I realized for the first time I was and child; but the former had been a good Presently the doctor came. He was not

> There is feverishness," he said to me India and had troubles enough of his own would go for an old song. Still if I could that was all I could expect or hope for.

> I reached home weak and hungry, I was very glad of David's company, for I had felt the strain of loneliness and isolation very much that days After supper, David produced a truss of

the kitchen fire to dry o "What's that for David ?" I asked. "Very likely I sleep in it," he replied winking knowingly.

There were plenty of blide up-stairs, I told him | but he went on with his operations with the straw.

thing that I took to be a ladder.

porfect, and plosed by strong springs. The sommitering the neighborhood, Buddenly wild Pitte." -- and 1/10

We had settled in Wales on our marriage, | back door I bolted and barred, but the hall- | I heard him close the skylight and hurr and behind their talls, stooping here under | where I took a pleasant little house situated | door I simply locked—this to provide for | down stairs. "Come along, Captain," he a carriage-pole, and there just sidling on a slope of a hill overlooking the valley; sudden ingress or egress on the part of the cried, "I shall show you some fun." I fol-Oh! there cannot really be a doubt about | between the wheels of two parallel vehicles | I had made up my mind to buy it, but the garrison. These precautions taken. I felt lowed him into the back kitchen where there was a wide open chimney of the old sorts. reflect upon the conditions of the contest A scrambling sound was heard in the chimney and the bottom of a light ladder an-First, as to the supplies bread would be peared, gently lowered down. "Come you then, boys !" shouted David up the chimwas a quarter of mutton hanging in the ney; and with that he put a match to the straw, which blazed up fiercely. We heard armine area in Calculus and native population of probity, ordinarily very strict, had been that something dreadful had occurred. "Is stocked with wine and ale. I had almost a loud ery of rage and pain and a quick forgotten the necessity of firing, and that scrambling up the chimney. David laughed our coals were kept in a shed outside. defiantly. "Plenty more fire down here," Bringing this to mind with a start, I took he cried and dragged the captured ladder a coal-scuttle and pail, and brought into into the kitchen. The enemy auddenly rethe house as much coal as would suffice for | taliated by throwing some water down the chimney. But David did not care for that David presently returned in high glee at | he had a reserve of dry straw ready to set do toubh. There is no city in the world that the Prince was going to English's that eases off a portion of the shock. We having saved the pony from the enemy's fire to it any further attempt were made. hands, and to him I confided the difficulty. They presently abandoned any active means as to the bread and milk. The latter he to gain an entrance, and contented them-

to one or the other of the letters I had written. The Post-office was five miles away, and David could not be back in much less than three hours.

But the time of his absence passed quietly enough; and David's honest face appeared on the lawn in front of the house long before I expected to see it.

"I can't come in, Captain," he cried for they mean to make a rush upon me: but let down a bit of cord with a hook at the end quietly out of the window.

ly holsted up. Two were excuses from themselves," and so on. The third, no doubt, was to the same purpose; but whose handwriting was it? I tore it hastily open and read :--

"Dear Harry, just come home on furlough about the affairs of this blessed bank. Things are not so bad as they said. Tom brown has just shown me your letter. Here are £50 in notes to pay the rascals off; and I will be down myself to morrow."

Sure enough, inside the letter were ten nice, orlsp Bank of England £5 notes I ran down and threw wide open the hall door, letting in the blessed sunshine. "Are you mad, Captain?" oried David as my three foes came rushing down upon

"Stand off," I oried, making play with my fiste and keeping them at a distance. What do you want?".

"Five and forty pounds, half a year'srent, for Mr. Tranter, and expenses," gasp. ed Morris, preparing for another rush.

"Here's the money for the rent-now give me a receipt. No. not inside the house." I said. Mr. Morris knolt down on the gravel to

write his receipt. "And expenses, six pounds ten," he said, looking up. For which you will apply to your em-

David, who had been looking on wonderin putting the ber across. But after this ling, here cut a caper high in the air. Morattempt nothing more was done; quiet and ris drew his men away sullenly, and thus

Next day my father came down, confident I let the doctor out through the drawing and cheerful. Things were bad enough, room which I immediately secured. He had but there was the chance of something undertaken to see Mr. Tranter, and try to being saved out of the wreck. In the induce him to withdraw his men. He meantime he must stay in harness for anpresently returned and spoke to me at the other five years. For me he had the offer of me, and he said to the man he was with: 'Is | window of my bed-room. "No use," he | the editorship of an Indian newspaper that said softly;" "he'll have his pound of flesh." | was being established at Lahore, an offer I gladly accepted.... And in due time I left some hours. Mr Morris went away, leaving Brynmor with all the honors of war, and found myself with my wife and habe embarked for the wondrous land of India.

> The Anglo-American Times, a very good paper published in London, has in the number received by the last mail an article. almost ecstatical in its tone, entitled Colonel John W. Forney and the United States Centennial Exhibition, in which the writer gives way to the most extraordinary rejoicings over the appearance of the Colonel in England as American "International Commissioner to Europe.". We wish we had space to quote some of his dithyrambs over this auspicious event. They would greatly amuse some of our readers. We are sorry, however, to have to make known the fact to the Anglo-American Times, and to our English readers. that the despatching of the Colonel in an official character is looked upon by the best portion of this country as an unpardonable indiscretion on the part of the Centennial Commissioners, and as a striking Illustration of the disregard even of appearances which familiarity with corruption has bred even in men who are themselves honest Twenty-five thousand dollars of the Pacific Mail corruption fund were traced to the Colonel's capacions pockets in the Congressional investigation last winter, but he has never given himself the trouble to notice the charge, and his failure to meet it ought of course to have disqualified him for any place of dignity or emolument, and, above all, for that of an International Commissioner. Nor is this the first case of the kind in which the Colonel has been implicated and exposed; in fact, we believe it is the third. He certainly got \$4,000 of the money of the Georgia Ring, headed by Bullock, when they were trying to get Congress to set saids the State constitution. in order to enable them to continue their game of fraud, before Bullock's flight from Itistice. It is, indeed, almost a matter of public notoriety that the Colonel has had a hand in most of the great Washington jobs, and his European mission is therefore a national cugrace for which the Centennial Commissioners owe an apology, not offly to the public but even to the Indian Ring. When the Colonel lifted up his tuneful straw and spread it over the oven and about voice in London, a few weeks ago, in "vindication" of General Schenck, many honest Americans laughed through their tears, because there is a point at which rescality becomes funny .- Nation.

BERESLEY, Sept. 1689.—Gentlemen. feel it a duty I owe to you to express nig We had a quiet night, but the patient gratitude for the great benefit I have degot very little sleep at first, being heryous rived by taking Norton's Camomile Pills, and frightened when I was out of her sight. I applied to your agent Mr. Bell, Berkeley, so that I took my rest in an arm-chair by for the above-named Fills; for wind in the her bedelde and efter that she had some stomach, from which I suffered expressisfefreshing slumber. Daybreak brought our ting pain for a length of time, having tried besiegers back again, but this time there mearly every remedy prescribed, but withwere three of them and they parried some out deriving any benefit at all. After taking two bottles of your valuable pills I part of which was glazed to give light to I woke David and set him of the slert, was quite restored to my usual state of the hall. The windows of the upper and went over the house once more to see health. Please give this publicity for the rooms I secured in the same way, except that all was safe. David took up his post; benefit of those who may thus be afficied. that of my wife a chamber and of the badroom tion upon a table in the little closes cham. -- I am. Sir. yours truly, Hangy Ame is I odenipled myself the catches of which were ber, with his head out of the skylightre. -- To the Proprietors of Noggar's Canon

POSTAL RATES.

Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

Hongkong Rates of Postage. (Revised January 1st, 1876.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per four ounces, unless otherwise stated.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything thatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

(Br.) means By British Packet; (Fr.) by French Packet; (U. S.) by United States Packet. D. P. means Double Postage; U. P., cannot be paid O. S., cannot be sent; l., at Letter Rate.

Town Postage (Victoria) Letter, Newspaper, Book, or Pattern, 2 cents.

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LETTERS. -Ports of China and Japan, Macau, United States (U. S.), Bangkok, Manila, Singapore, Penang, India, Ceylon, Aden, Malta, 8 cents.

Except India, Ceylon, and Aden, by French Packet, 12 cents. Batavia, 12; Saigon and Pondicherry,

(Fr.) 12; New Caledonia, (Fr.) 18, 2 oz. Zanzibar, Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascousion, 20; Mauritius, 22.

Alexandria and Suez, (Br.) 12, (Fr.) 12

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji,

REGISTRATION, 8 cents, except Straits, Batavia, India, Aden, Suez (Br.), Zauzibar, dro., Australia, &c.; 12; Saigon, Pondicherry, Alexandria (Fr.) and ouez (Fr.), double postage. There is no Registration to Bangkok, New Caledonia, or Zanzibar. NEWSPAPERS (To all the above places) 2

BOOKS AND PATTERNS, 6 cents, except Malta, W. Africa, St. Helena, Ascension, 8. Books to New Caledonia, Letter Rate Patterns cannot be sent by French Packet to Pondicherry, New Ualedonia, Alexandria, or Suez, and cannot be paid to Saigon.

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2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper plinted at the top of every page; or, if consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rateof postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

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No packet of newspapers may be above lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

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de., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c. be loose or attached as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket books, drc., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the appertains thereto ; but the binding, rollers, do must not be sent as a sep rate packet.

Circulars, -i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, may also be sent by book post.

But a book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusua influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth. Exceptions. - No packet for Algeria Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France Madeira, or Portugal, or for Egypt, Syria, or Turkey, when sent by French Packet must be above 18 inches in length, width or depth:

AS REGARDS PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be) or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

in covers of this kind.—but such articles only,—may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen; of other material, fastened opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France samples of eider down, raw or thread allk, woollen or goats' hair thread, vanilla, saffron carmine, or isinglass, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three cunces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing any. thing of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detailed as unfit for the Post, viz : Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, ourry combs, copper and steel en-

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone ;. vin., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Hol-A newspaper which has any letter, or any, land, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United written in it or upon its cover, is charged States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies | Mails by that route, hence there is no aland not even to these places, via France. Indigo carnot be sent to any place abroad.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France. Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet, A book-packet may contain any number to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not of separate books or other publications exceed 18 inches in length, width, or (including printed or lithographed letters), depth 1 a packet to any other place abroad photographs (when not on glass or in cases must not exceed \$4 inches in length or 12

books or other publications, prints, maps, departure of the French Packets, arrange- delay in such Letters &c., reaching their occ., may be either printed, written, enments have been made for receiving at the rightful owners. In all cases, however
graved, lithographed, or plain, or any Post Office late letters for Singapore and well the Firm or Individual for whom a mixture of these. Further, all legitimate the United Kingdom only from 11.10 a.m. binding, mounting, or covering of a book, to 11.30 4.m. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

meet occasional emergencies; and not for form a part of the address. the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department safe transmission of such articles, or usually at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

The Postmaster at San Francisco has given notice that letters despatched from this Colony (whether through the Post Office, or as consignees letters) by the United States Mail Packets will not be forwarded to any places not within the United states unless the proper Postage from America to such places be prepaid in American Postage Stamps, but will be returned to this Office.

Such letters should either be prepaid in both Hongkong and American Stamps as above, or posted to an Agent in the United States.

places, the American rates of Postage to which are as follows:-

Honolulu: Letters, 6 Cents per 1 02.; Newspapers, 2 Cents; Books, 4 Cents Brazil: Letters, 15 Cents per 1 oz. Peru, Chili &c.: Letters, 22 Cents per 1

Cents per 4 of Miscellaneous Notices.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-sending or mis delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible

tor any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission. To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no tragile article abould be sent through the Post, It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag ; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury

is much increased. No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public, A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it

is would disapprove of his doing so. Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address. even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change Patterns or samples, when practicable, nor are they authorised to demand change must be sent in covers open at the ends, and when money is paid at a Post Office. and in such a manner as to be easy of whether as change or otherwise, no question examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, as to its right amount, goodness, or walkht and such like articles, which cannot be sent | can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but in such a manner that they may be readily | they may do so if their duty be not thereby

> The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail. from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. public are therefore recommended, in all such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, insamuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not the sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission. By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of auch packets. All inland or colonial letters, therefore, which contain coin, and all ed, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage | and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any article of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

A considerable amount of Correspondence being received directed to New Zealand MA Torres Stratts, it is notified that the New Zealand Post Office has declined to receive ternative but to forward auch Correspondence

Persons who are applicus to avail themselves of the Torres Straits Steamers to communicate with New Zeniand, should address their letters de, to the care of an Agent at Sydney.

LETTERS, &c., ADDRESSED LONDON ONLY, -- Many paragra ate in the habit of

drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity To provide the greatest possible facilities addressing Letters &c., for well-known to the Money will be forfeited, unless, of paper, or any other substance in ordinary for posting Correspondence for Europe, Firms and Individuals to London only; under peculiar circumstances, the Post letter is intended may be known, it is most essential to ensure its correct and prompt The above arrangement is intended to side and the number of the house, should

> Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is tastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal,

The attention of poxholders, is called the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal; and of sending a Chit-book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage

It is not generally possible to count the letters sent in sealed boxes (except where there are only three or four) and therefore the Post Uffice receipt to such an entry as. "47 for London, 15 for Calcutta, 3 for Penang, 5 for Singapore," must be taken to mean no more than what is stated, viz., that one box was duly received.

Stamps, for Postal purposes, of the This notice chiefly applies to the following values of \$2, \$8, and \$10, can be obtained

Money Order Regulations.

1.-Money Orders will be issued at this Office and at the Agencies thereof at Shanghai and Yokohama on all the Money oz.; Newspapers, & Cents; Books, 10 Order Offices in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for amounts not exceeding £10, at the rate of Exchange Ourrent for Each Mail, and charged with Commission according to the following Scale, viz.:-

For sums not exceeding £2,............18 Above £2 and not exceeding £ 5,....36 2.—No Money Order to include a fractional part of a Penny.

3.—Urders drawn in the United Kingdom upon Hongkong, Shanghar, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange ruling on the day of arrival of the advices of auch orders.

4.—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom; shewing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public referance at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5. - Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname, and, at least the initial of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter or Payee be a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient, if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as Baring Brothers will suffice; but the mere term Messrs., such as Messrs. Rivington, or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as Carron Co. is insdmissible.

6. The Remitter on stating that the Order in to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving or withdrawing the name of the Payee; in such case, the Order will be crossed in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.—When an Order is presented through Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

8.—The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the place provided for the purpose. If the Payee be unable to write he must sign the receipt by making his mark in the presence of a Witness, who must sign his name, with his address in the presence of the Ufficer who pays the Order.

9.—Should the Payee of a Money Order desire to receive payment in the Country in which the Order was issued, at some other Office than that in which the Order was eriginally drawn, the transfer will be granted. provided the Order be inclosed to the Postmaster of the Office in which it was drawn. In such case a new Order will be issued. the Commission chargeable upon which will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

10 .- In the event of a Money Order miscarrying or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payes, (containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission) to the Office where the Original Order was payable.

11.—On the receipt of a similar application, orders will be given to stop payment of a Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new

12.—But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payer should be corrected or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a Lapsed Order should jewellery, even though they be posted which the Order was originally drawn, ed. and charged on delicerated as register-Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the New Order.

"18. Repayment whether of an original or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been can. Day (from 6 to 6),.. ... One Dollar, celled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14. Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed lows !-and a new Order (for which a second Commission, to be deducted from the amount

15. If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn, -for instance, the end of the following January-all claim

use for writing or printing upon; and the dre, up to the latest moment before the but this practice not unfrequently occasions. Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it. 16,—After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing delivery, that the Street in which they re- to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Country or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he see fit, require the Officer in fault to make good the loss. 17. No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received. 18 .- Additional Rules for greater security agains fraud, and for the better work. ing of the system generally will be made

as occasion may require. -19. Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of inoreasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

POST OFFICE NOTICE. Unclaimed Correspondence, Jan. 28, 1876.

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Books, etc. without Covers Short Route to Australia. Wesleyan Methodist Calendar, 1878, Lincolnshire Gazette. Peterhead Sentinel. Revue Universelle. Journal de S. Petersburg (Several) La Sicilia Cattolica

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CHAIR BEARESS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG. Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats. Helf hour, 10 cts. | Hour, 20 cts. Three hours,...50 cts. Six hours,.....70 cts. Licensed Bearers (each).

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At 1070 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Intimations. ' THE CHINA REVIEW.

Ohina and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

THE CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents

in Hongkong half-yearly in advance. The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the stern Archipelego and the "Far East" A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially. is incorporated with each number. contributions in Chinese, Latin, German, Spanish, Italian or Porare admissible. Endeavours to present a resumé in each the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great

ther as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1878, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty paged, bi-monthly, repertory of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address China Review, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advances (U.S.)

Christian Advocate (U.S.) Trubner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review :- "This the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongwhere it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of Notes and Queries on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Uhinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's She King, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological P problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure 5. J. Jeciebhoy its continuance. The publication is intended by the Cloud will white Cloud with the appear every two months, and will would be the cloud with form a substantial octavo magazine.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every bouchow day. The subscription is fixed at Four Dollars per annum delivered in Hong. kong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents in Charlie Palmet oluding postage to Coast ports.

issued under purely native direction. The editorial department is conducted by Mr Chun Ayin, whose experience and competence have already been most fully demonstrated. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

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News and Advertisements.

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